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Council's offices open on Saturday

COUNCIL offices in Sandwell will open on Saturdays under new plans designed to help residents pay their bills.

The extra opening time could be brought in as soon as October, the borough's council leader said.

It is being brought in so people can have more flexibility when paying council tax and other fees and will be funded through existing budgets.

Councillor Darren Cooper, said: "We will be one of the first, if not the first to open the council on a Saturday morning.

"We are initially looking at between 9am and 1pm and we are looking at the Oldbury Council House and Smethwick Council House and a couple of other venues across the borough.

"That will allow people to go in and pay council tax and rent, talk to us about planning issues or any issues that they would normally be able to do on a normal weekday.

"It is all part of our keeping Sandwell moving plan, where our services are more and more accessible to local people.

"Those people that have jobs cannot always get to the council on Monday to Friday."

"It will all be funded out of existing resources."

Assets up for Tipton

TIPTON and Coseley Building Society announced its assets grew by 4.18 per cent in 2011.

Chairman David Morgan told the 111th annual general meeting of the building society that its liquidity was at a record high.

He reported that also during 2011 its gross capital ratios increased for the third year in a row.

Mr Morgan said: "I believe we can look back at 2011 with a considerable amount of pride," he said.

A weapon found by police

Police swoop in car crash con probe

EXPENSIVE cars suspected of being involved in a fake accident insurance con were discovered during a raid in West Bromwich.

Around 25 police officers were involved in the dawn swoop on Tuesday on the industrial yard where a range of smashed cars were found.

A Mercedes CLS, BMW 1 series cars, Lexus SC luxury coupes as well as a Citroen taxi were among the models discovered.

Six marked police vans raided the yard, in John Street. While expert dog handlers secured two bull mastiffs at the site, officers raided a property inside the yard which is undergoing renovation work.

The property had nobody inside despite police finding the lighting, heating and television on.

Officers however did find documents inside relating to accident claims in a number of names, and a suspected rifle.

Weapons experts were trying to establish if it is licensed. West Bromwich Inspector Akeel Najib said: "This is the first step in a series of actions to tackle organised crime groups.

"No arrests have been made but we now have a number of lines of inquiry to pursue.

"We have intelligence that criminals operating here are involved in an insurance scam including potential fake accident claims.

"The message we want to send out is we will be pursuing organised criminals."

NEW ROAD MARKS TOWN'S NEXT STEP

by Lisa Wright

A NEW road has opened in West Bromwich marking the next phase of the town's £200 million regeneration scheme. It will form part of the new look layout of the town centre as work on the Tesco development progresses.

Motorists and shoppers to the town centre will now follow new routes for car parking and into the shopping areas.

The road lies inside the site boundary of the new Tesco and New Square shopping development and will join Cronehills Linkway to top of New Street.

It has taken six months to build and its opening marks the programme's next phase. Visitors to the town are advised that the new routes will be well signposted.

Richard Barrell, mixed use development project manager for Tesco, said: "The new road opening symbolises yet another step in the process to regenerating the town centre and providing new shopping facilities for West Bromwich."

Sandwell's deputy council leader Councillor Steve Eling added: "This is an important part of the ongoing transformation of West Bromwich town centre. In addition to the New Square development, we're working with partners to provide affordable new housing and modern office facilities."

The 437,000sq ft scheme, anchored by a 139,000sq ft Tesco store will provide a new retail and leisure destination for the town.

Retailers Primark, Next, Arcadia, JD Sports and Bank have already signed up to take space in the development.

It also includes a 36,000sq ft cinema and restaurant space, with 1,900 car parking spaces.

It is expected to be open by summer 2013.

Mum-to-be's car ride ordeal

A HEAVILY pregnant woman, who was taken on a terrifying ride by a carjacker in Oldbury before being forced out of the moving Range Rover, spoken of her ordeal and said: "I feared I was going to die".

The woman, who is seven months pregnant, was sitting in the car outside a branch of Barclays waiting for a work colleague when a man jumped behind the wheel.

The robber initially drove off with the 32-year-old woman still inside but, after threatening her and pointing a sharp object at her midriff, forced her out a short distance away.

The car was stolen just before 1pm on Friday, March 30, but recovered five days later by police in Vernon Road, Oldbury.

The victim, a mother of one, who did not wish to be named, said: "I haven't even got words to describe how I felt. I feared I was going to die. My body would not stop shaking afterwards."

The offender has been described as an Asian male in his late teens or 20s, slim and around 5ft 8ins to 5ft 11ins. Anyone with information should call 101.

Visitor services officer Stuart Lane in one of the rooms at the Bostin' 60s exhibition in Wednesbury

Swinging time at museum

THE SPIRIT of the swinging sixties is alive and well in Sandwell thanks to a new exhibition.

Wednesbury Museum and Art Gallery unveiled the Bostin' 60s exhibition, which mostly comprises collections from other Black Country museums, earlier this month.

It was originally put together with the assistance of The Times columnist Sathnam Sanghera, who was born and brought up in Wolverhampton.

The exhibition includes fashion, household items and artefacts from the era and a series of events and activities will be themed around it at the art gallery until June 30.

Stuart Lane, visitor services officer, said: "It's proving to be popular with visitors and we had lots of people take an interest in it during the Easter holidays."

The gallery is open Thursdays to Saturdays between 2pm and 5pm.

£3m fire station scheme is approved

FIRE chiefs have approved plans for a £3 million fire station in the Black Country, and have earmarked four potential sites.

West Midlands Fire Authority agreed to buy a new site and build the station to cover the Cradley Heath and Halesowen areas.

The cost of replacing bases at Cradley Heath and Halesowen is set to be offset by the estimated £1.5m raised from the sale of them.

Halesowen station closed last month and the firefighters have been redeployed.

A list of sites was whittled to four in the private session of the West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority meeting.

Chairman of the meeting, Sandwell Councillor John Edwards, said he could not reveal the locations due to commercial reasons but a final decision will be made within three months.

"We have now got four potential sites that we are focused on," he said.

"For each of them we will undertake detailed surveys and will be talking to council planners, developers and other parties."

He added: "We hope to move this process along relatively quickly and to have made a final decision within three months time. We have, of course, to make sure we do all the work to make sure we choose the right site, to best serve the community."

Market idea thrown out

PROPOSALS for a weekly Saturday market in Halesowen have been thrown out by Dudley Council amid fears it would harm trade and force shops to shut.

Traders, councillors and bosses at the Cornbow Shopping Centre objected to plans for a farmers, craft and general street market. At present a 35-stall market is held on alternate Saturdays, but operator Steve Evans felt a weekly one would help establish a regular shopping destination.

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Abortion website hacker sent to jail

A COMPUTER hacker from Wednesbury who broke into the website of Britain's biggest abortion provider has been jailed for two years and eight months.

James Jeffery targeted the British Pregnancy Advisory Service because he disagreed with the decisions of two women he knew to terminate their pregnancies, Southwark Crown Court, London, heard. The 27-year-old stole about 10,000 database records containing the personal details of women which he later intended to publish.

Mr Daniel Higgins, prosecuting, told the court last week that Jeffery also defaced the website's homepage with the logo of the hacking group Anonymous, of which he was a part-time member, and posted an anti-abortion message. He signed off using his online alias Pablo Escobar – named after a Colombian drug lord, Mr Higgins said.

The former University of Wolverhampton software engineering student then boasted about his hacking feat on social networking site Twitter.

Jeffery had admitted two offences under the Computer Misuse Act at an earlier hearing. Police swooped on his Castle Street home, in the early hours of March 9, after they traced him through his IP address.

When Jeffery was arrested, police found his computer in the process of being wiped clean.

It was heard that he intended to publish the data, including names, email addresses on an online sharing site but later backed down.

Appeal as gravestone of Titanic victim crumbles

IT IS 100 years since brave West Bromwich cellist John Woodward lost his life aboard the Titanic. And sadly the musician's gravestone is looking every bit as old as the anniversary of the disaster would suggest.

By Matthew Viney

The family memorial stands in Heath Lane Cemetery, West Bromwich, and marks his death aboard the ill-fated cruise liner.

Now two Black Country residents are appealing for help to give the sandstone headstone a much-needed makeover.

Paul Kidson, who is a committee member of Willenhall Historical Society, and friend Lorna Jenkins discovered the gravestone by accident while walking through Heath Lane Cemetery to visit the grave of her great uncle William Doughty.

Raise

They fear the eroded monument will effectively crumble into ruin if it is not replaced soon.

And they are calling for volunteers to help fund a project to restore the stone.

Mr Woodward, a former Hill Top resident, was one of 1,517 people who lost their lives during the Titanic's tragic maiden voyage when it sank on April 15, 1912.

Mr Kidson, a retired engineer aged 80, and Mrs Jenkins, a retired PA aged 85, visited the memorial ylast week to help raise its profile ahead of the 100th anniversary of the Titanic disaster.

"I doubt it will endure another cold winter," said Mr Kidson, from Willenhall.

"Hopefully someone will come to our aid.

"We are getting on in age and it would be a real job to do something like this but it is so important.

"I don't know how much it would cost to repair but you are probably talking about four figures.

"It needs a new tablet. There is no way you could renovate it."

Mrs Jenkins, from Wednesbury, added: "It is just falling into disrepair.

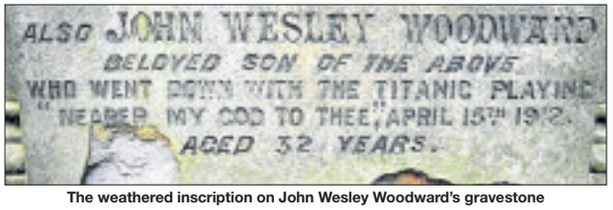
"This is a monumental piece of history.

"Surely it is the responsibility of the town to uphold the memorial to this brave man and ensure he has a lasting memorial in the place where he was born?"

To help or to make a contribution to the appeal, call 0121 556 8638 or 01902 605079.

Historian Paul Kidson and Lorna Jenkins, who came across the grave of John Wesley Woodward

Cellist John Wesley Woodward – died on the Titantic



The weathered inscription on John Wesley Woodward's gravestone

Petition call over child sex offenders

A SANDWELL campaign group with more than 2,600 members has drawn up a petition asking the Government to name child sex offenders.

Sandwell United Parents formed after the alleged kidnap of a boy in Oldbury last year.

Now members are calling for people to sign an online petition to call for the Government to debate changes in the House of Lords.

The petition asks that when known offenders go "off the radar" by not complying with reporting procedures, the public is alerted on television and in the local press with the offender's name and photograph.

Founder member Shelly Showell, a mother of five, of Slatch House Road, Smethwick, said 100,000 signatures were neededfor it to be debated in the Lords.

"There are policies, laws and procedures put in place to try and protect our children in regards to child sex offenders, but sometimes the offenders don't abide by these and go off the radar," she said.

"This means no one knows where they are or what they are doing.

"We are asking that if an offender goes off the radar we are allerted via TV and the Press with name and recent photograph."

Expansion for bakery

A BAKERY in West Bromwich is being lined up for a series of refurbishments.

Allied Bakeries, Birmingham Road, wants to improve offices, changing rooms and provide a new compactor for waste at the site. Buildings will be demolished to make way for the improvements.

An outline planning application submitted to Sandwell Council said the work was needed to cope with sustained growth. Last year the siteunderwent a £25 million revamp.

Spadework call

A BEARWOOD park is looking for volunteer gardeners.

Shakespeare Gardens, Lightwoods Park, needsenthusiasts and novices to work for a couple of hours on Saturday from 10.30am. Anyone interested can just turn up with their tools.

More-time plea on quarry

DEVELOPERS have asked for more time to create a treatment plant at a quarry-turned-landfill site in Rowley Regis. The Edwin Richards Quarry, stopped extractions in 2008 when it ran out of stone.

Then the site in Portway Road was used for landfill for domestic and commercial waste, but the owner, Waste Recycling Group, Northampton, was told it cannot continue to dispose of leachate, the liquid which drains from a landfill, prompting the firm to first apply to build a treatment plant in 2009.

Now the owners have asked for more time to build that plant after planning permission ran out.

It would be built on the south of the site, 311ft from the nearest residential development. The plans will now be considered by Sandwell Council. The leachate is discharged to foul sewers on Portway Road and Turners Hill after dissolved methane is removed.

Sanjiv on Olympic run

A CHARITY volunteer from the Sandwell has taken part in the National Lottery Olympic Park Run.

Sanjiv Verma, a volunteer and board member for Sandwell Asian Family Support Service, was one of 5,000 to join the five-mile run around the Olympic stadium.

He crossed the finish line with a time of one hour and 45 minutes at the event last month.

Mr Verma, who was picked at random from almost 43,000 entrants to take part, has volunteered for Sandwell Asian Family Support Service for almost 20 years.

He also volunteers at the Citizens Advice Bureau and Ideal for All.

"It was a very emotional day for me and I loved it." he said.

Mr Verma thanked his fellow charity workers for their support.

The Run was staged to celebrate the National Lottery's contribution of up to £2.2 billion towards the funding of the London 2012 Games.

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More jobs under cut scrutiny

SENIOR managers will again come under the microscope of Sandwell Council chiefs looking for more ways to find £75 million savings over the next four years.

The authority has already saved £2.3m a year by trimming down its top tier of management from 26 to 14 to save £1.1m in April last year before an extra director left the authority last year, leaving a 13-strong board in charge.

The second stage saw the axe fall on the next level, cutting the total numbers of senior managers by more than a third from 99 to 63.

Now bosses are carrying out a further full review to see if those changes have been a success and if so, if more cuts can be made without services suffering.

Council leader Councillor Darren Cooper said: "We're evaluating senior management now to see if there any further savings we can make.

"I don't know what the outcomes will be or whether the review will say savings definitely can be made but we will hear the results in May.

"We are continuously seeing what we can do to get best value for money for residents as we cope with unprecedented cuts."

Building to be bought

A SANDWELL charity is poised to take over an office building in West Bromwich which is being sold after failing to attract tenants.

Greets Green Community Enterprises took on Waterside House, Charles Street, in 2009 and it underwent an extensive refurbishment to create office space with workshops for up to 42 businesses.

But the business plan failed and the organisation has been forced to sell the building. Mental health charity Sandwell Mind has now put an offer and hopes to move in 80 staff.

The council is being asked to approve plans to sell the building at the full council meeting this week.

Repairs return

REPAIR work worth £2.8 million is progressing at a Wednesbury tower block after they stalled when a contractor folded and Government funding cuts bit. Residents at Russell House petitioned the council and action is now being taken.

Toxic metals found at sight of proposed housing

TOXIC metals and asbestos deposits are lying beneath the proposed site of a multi-million pound housing estate in West Bromwich.

The site earmarked for 250 homes in Stone Cross also contains suspected oil lagoons and insecticide-type compounds.

The details have been revealed in a report submitted to Sandwell Council before it decides whether to give the project the go-ahead.

If approved, the new development would be built on a former landfill site off Hall Green Road. The report ultimately concludes that "with a suitable remediation strategy in place", the site can be safely developed for housing.

But Hateley Heath councillor Paul Moore says he fears the developer is "moving too quickly."

Concerned

He said: "Planning officers and the planning committee need to be fully satisfied that these risks can be safely dealt with by the developer.

"Many residents are concerned and I am calling for a further consultation event."

Materials identified at the site include arsenic, cadmium and lead.

Asbestos fibres, hydrocarbons which can degrade pipes, and evidence of "oil lagoons" were also found.

The report said: "A significant amount of contamination was identified within the landfill material and . . . significant concentrations of volatile organic compounds including chlorinated solvents . . . that pose a potential indoor and outdoor inhalation risk."

Part of the 20-acre site, known as T & S Elements, was an unregulated quarry and landfill site prior to 1974.

A portion was previously owned by British Industrial Plastics.

Martin Hughes, spokesman for developer Christchurch Properties Ltd, said: "The only way the site can be made safe is by a comprehensive clean-up, enabling it to come forward for housing.

"Without remediation, the site would have to remain as it has done for many years and continue to pose a potential risk to the local community."

Hacking probe has cost me my marriage, says MP Tom

INVESTIGATING tabloid newspaper phone hacking has cost West Bromwich East MP Tom Watson his marriage, he has revealed.

The deputy Labour party chairman has confirmed his 11-year marriage to his former trade union colleague Siobhan was over and blamed the "pressure" of the inquiry, which he has worked on for three years.

Mr Watson discussed the breakdown of his marriage after writing a book with journalist Martin Hickman about the practices of Rupert Murdoch's News International newspapers.

Dial M For Murdoch will be released today and gives Mr Watson's account of how the company, which published the now defunct News of the World, hacked the mobile phones of celebrities and victims of crime, including the murdered schoolgirl Milly Dowler.

Mr Watson, who was elected in 2001, said: "I'm very sad to admit the failure of my marriage. I tried my very best to hold things together but the pressure of the hacking scandal inquiry has taken its toll."

He said no one else had been involved.

However, he said "aggressive" media intrusion into his life had led to problems in the relationship.

The couple have two children, a boy and a girl aged six and three.

Mr Watson was made deputy chairman of the Labour party last year by Ed Miliband with responsibility for campaigns.

Mrs Watson used to work for her husband as an office manager at his constituency office, Terry Duffy House in West Bromwich, but the couple met when they worked for the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union, which later became Unite.

Mr Watson was put under intense pressure by tabloid newspapers in 2009 when he was wrongly accused of being involved in a campaign set up by civil servant Damian McBride to smear Conservative MPs online using made up rumours.

Tom Watson and Siobhan

He protested his innocence, sued the Daily Mail and The Sun and won substantial damages.

Mr Watson said: "The most emotional week of my life was back in 2009. The Sun viciously libelled me."

Mr Watson emerged as the leading light in exposing the scale of practices at publisher News International, which initially insisted that phone hacking was down to one "rogue reporter".

He has spent three years working to uncover the scandal. Last year he received an apology from James Murdoch, then executive chairman of News International, after it was revealed the firm had followed him using a private detective.

● Dial M For Murdoch is released today priced £20.

Moo-ve on as council auctions cows

Assistant herdsman Adam Chilton with the Forge Mill Farm dairy cows that are being auctioned to save money

A HERD of Jersey cows at Forge Mill Farm, Sandwell Valley Country Park, West Bromwich, was being auction this week by council bosses to save up to £250,000.

The farm, one of two farm visitor centres within Sandwell Valley Country Park, is a working farm.

The herd is currently listed on the Sandwell Council website as the farm's main attraction, with visitors being able to watch the cows being milked daily at 3.30pm from a viewing gallery.

But the council has said that hundreds of thousands of pounds would need to be invested in a new slurry removal system for the herd, which contains 22 cows, to comply with new European Union regulations.

Neighbourhoods chief, Councillor Derek Rowley, also said that the amount of money raised through milk production and a decline in public interest in the afternoon milking sessions, in addition to the financial demands of the new regulations, meant it was not cost effective to keep them. He said: "The new regulations would mean we would need to spend approaching £250,000.

"It is nice to have farm animals on the land, especially for children to see. There will still be cows in the field."

He added: "The average number of people that watch the milking in an afternoon was two, compared to 50 a few years ago."

But Councillor Rowley said discussions were under way to discuss adding new visitors centre attractions at the site. Forge Mill Farm is open from 10am until 4.30pm.

NEWS in brief

Youth group's plea for clothing

AN organisation which funds new equipment and facilities by recycling clothes has been launched in Sandwell. Kids off the Street was set up in response to last summer's riots and aims to raise funds for local children through recycling clothes for the Third World.

It is looking for schools, youth clubs, churches and residents to get involved along with businesses, manufacturers and care homes.

To recycle clothes, call 0121 667 5996 or visit www. kidsoffthestreet.co.uk

Trade-row shops are taking place

A ROW of six shops and apartments is taking shape in West Bromwich, despite complaints from nearby businesses that they will kill off trade.

The development is next to the new Co-op store in Hill Top.

Retailers have yet to be confirmed but established businesses have said competitors selling similar goods will hit takings.

Fears have also been raised that parking problems could also increase. Residents have raised concerns of extra outlets licensed to sell alcohol.

Paint firm jobs saved in buyout

A WEST Bromwich industrial paint manufacturer has been bought out of administration savings all 42 jobs.

Protega Coatings, Kelvin Way, went into administration because of substantial pension deficit. The buyer of the business and all of its assets is not being disclosed yet.

Borough spring clean returns

SANDWELL'S award-winning Big Spring Clean campaign is back for the sixth year running. The authority has teamed up with waste partner Serco and Tipton Litterwatch.

The campaign runs until the end of July. More than 500 parts of the borough have so far benefited from litter picking, painting or graffiti removal.

Orangery backed

A HOUSE owner has won Sandwell Council planning permission for an orangery despite objections from a neighbour in Jenny Close, Bilston.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

TIMEWATCH (BBC2) was a little harsh on the natural world with its investigation into the Titanic tragedy looking at "The Iceberg That Caused The Catastrophe." I thought it was Captain Smith.

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"I'M in the queue at Waitrose." Mobile-phone conversation overheard by a Daily Telegraph reader – in the queue at Aldi. If you've heard similar mobile-phone whoppers, do let me know.

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THERE was never a corgi in hell's chance of Camilla being called anything other than Queen Camilla when Charles becomes King. All that Palace nonsense about Camilla being styled as consort to the next king was merely a sop to the grieving millions who thought making Camilla a queen would be an insult to Diana.

Now the Queen has appointed Camilla a Dame Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order. Royal watchers are feverishly informing us that this paves the way for Camilla one day to be known as Queen. This was the plan all along. How could it be otherwise? The wife of a king is always a queen. How stupid do they think we are?

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I HAVE focused recently on the pitiful thickness of the average criminal. However, there are some blockheads allegedly working for the forces of law and order. Three weeks into a robbery trial, a juror got a sick note from her GP, went on holiday and phoned the court to say she was off ill. Court staff in Preston became suspicious because the call came from Malta. The juror has now been jailed for contempt and her family seem hugely surprised. It's a sharp, simple message from the legal system. As the Law Society Gazette headline on the case says: "Hell hath no fury like a courtroom scorned."

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IN ITS time Which? magazine has exposed some shocking scams. But its latest probe, into the "exorbitant" prices charged for champagne teas in upmarket hotels seems odd. If some clots are prepared to pay up to £85 per head for a glass of bubbly and a plate of scones, that is entirely a matter between them, their livers and the establishment. A fool and his money are soon parted, and consumer watchdogs should leave him to it.

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WHO says 100 per cent insulation is a good idea? If you ever step inside a super-insulated house, you will be struck by how deathly silent it is and how there is no movement in the air. The stink from Friday's cod and chips is still with you on Monday.

It is no coincidence that the spread of double glazing and loft insulation has coincided with the rise in sales of air fresheners pumping scented chemicals into the fuggy, fetid atmosphere of unnaturally warm rooms to make them smell of pine forests. Believe it or not, some of us actually prefer proper homes with proper draughts. And I bet we are the healthier ones.

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THE DEATH is announced of Dr Leila Denmark, an American paediatrician who attributed her great age to eating no refined sugars and drinking nothing but water. She lived to 114. I bet it felt longer.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Council's healthy approach to tackling sickness

Jan Britton

Chief executive of Sandwell Council **Jan Britton** explains how the authority is tackling sickness rates

COOL heads and sensible policies have never been more important to local councils than they are today.

We have less money to spend each year but the demands we have to meet are growing all the time under the pressures of recession, unemployment and an ageing population.

At Sandwell we are modernising the council to meet these pressures.

We are trying to continue providing the services people need in ways that cost less money, instead of having to cut them altogether.

Practically every council policy has been reviewed in one way or another. Like a lot of people and organisations, we are trying to make the best we can of the difficult times we are in.

Among the policies we have reviewed are those that relate to sickness absence by employees.

Along with other councils, in the past Sandwell suffered from high rates of sickness absence. There were many reasons for this – but none of them are because council employees are "skivers" as I was misreported as saying in last week's Chronicle – and things are changing:

In 2007 the average number of sick days per employee was just under 13. In 2010 this was down to nine-and-a-half. This year we are forecasting it will be eight days or less.

This compares with the best in the public sector and we are on track to get our sickness level down to between six-and-a-half and seven days in 2013, which will be similar to many private companies. We are doing this through proper management of sickness absence and by encouraging employees to stay well despite the changes they are dealing with at work and home and the uncertainties over their future prospects as budget cuts force the council to reduce the number of people it employs.

When employees are sick we are trying to support them back to health and work as quickly as possible. There may be a very small number of employees who think they can throw a sickie whenever it suits them, but they are few and far between, and we are dealing with them.

The vast majority of council employees are hard-working and dedicated people and it is only through their commitment that we have been able to make the improvement we have made over the last two years.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly say thank you to them.

Blitz on illegal sales of alcohol

LICENSING chiefs have reviewed the licences of 140 premises in Sandwell in six years after they sold alcohol to underage youngsters.

Council chiefs claim their tough stance is more than any other local authority in England and Wales.

Bob Charnley, Sandwell's trading standards and licensing manager said: "It is important that we continue to take action against shops and off-licences which are found to be selling alcohol to the under-18s in order to promote the key licensing objective of protecting children from harm."

At a recent licensing panel hearing, four premises had their licences reviewed.

Hales Off-Licence, Old Hill, Applegreen Service Station, Wednesbury, Drink Buster, West Bromwich, and Batra News, Tividale, sold alcohol to youngsters who had been sent by trading standards.

In each case, the licensing panel imposed a number of stringent conditions to ensure no further underage sales took place .

These included a requirement to maintain an age verification policy.

Experts commissioned to look at future of Public

PROPERTY consultants have been commissioned to look into alternative uses for West Bromwich arts centre The Public.

Jones Lang LaSalle is reviewing the potential uses for the £72 million building for Sandwell Council. It will investigate future uses and the New Street building's capacity, as well as undertaking a structural assessment and see how it could be disposed of.

Sandwell Council's improvement chief Councillor Mahboob Hussain said the consultants would be looking at a variety of alternative uses for the building when Arts Council Funding ends in 2015.

He said: "This review is looking at all options for the building, and therefore it could be that they will recommend it stays as an arts centre, or that it be used as offices, or anything really.

"It is completely open and the council has nothing to do with what they say, it is independent of us."

The review which is part of the authority's Independent Challenge scheme is set to take three months.

Value

The challenge scheme has seen the council recruit consultants to review and test service areas to ensure they are value for money and are delivering the best possible service to the community.

The council is thought to be the only local authority in the West Midlands that undertakes the independent testing process.

Councillor Hussain added: "This building is not funded by the council, but by the taxpayer, so we are looking for the consultants to come up with the best option for the people of Sandwell."

Plan for mast is granted

A TELECOMS company has been granted permission to put up a 65ft phone mast in Smethwick.

Telefonica had applied for it at Heartlands Furniture Wholesale, Heartland House, Cranford Street.

The application was made to Sandwell Council after Vodafone had to remove its mast at Atlas Metals, which is set to be demolished to make way for 184 homes to serve workers from the £370 million hospital due to be built in nearby Grove Lane.

The tower will be behind the building, and in a statement submitted to the council, the firm states: "Views from the canal and Galton Valley conservation area will be limited by its industrial setting, the significantly lower ground level, and trees and shrubs."

The mast would provide coverage and capacity for the Vodafone and 02 mobile phone networks.

Club passes cash to charity

Front, Wednesbury Rugby Club president Councillor Peter Hughes, centre, Tony Meehan, back, RBL chairman Tom Bedworth, Sandwell deputy mayor Councillor Ann Shackleton, RBL secretary Linda Holl, Pam Hughes, and "Blind" Dave Heeley

MORE than £1,500, which was raised by a dinner at a Black Country rugby club, has been donated to two charities.

Over 100 people attended Wednesbury Rugby Club's 90th anniversary dinner in December, which was held in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support and the Royal British Legion's Wednesbury branch.

The event was attended by Macmillan ambassador "Blind" Dave Heeley.

It brought in the cash from ticket sales, a raffle and a charity auction, which included two box tickets to the West Bromwich Albion's Premier League home game against Wigan game worth £100 each and a Ferrari experience package.

Donated

The cheques have now been presented to both charities outside Sandwell Council offices.

Wednesbury North representative and rugby club president Councillor Peter Hughes said: "There were a lot of people who donated different prizes.

They played an important role in raising this money."

He added that the Royal British Legion and Macmillan were chosen because they were celebrating their 100th and 90th anniversaries respectively this year.

Swans nest fenced off

TEMPORARY fencing has been installed to protect swans being attacked by yobs in Wednesbury, after council bosses responded to calls for action.

The authority initially thought it might not be able to do the work on a path off Woden Road South because the fencing would be too close to swans' nesting area.

But council chiefs have won praise after siting it far enough away not to disturb swans' nesting patterns. Experts said swans would have abandoned the nest if the fencing was too near.

Ian Hunt, a premises manager at Wood Green Academy in Wednesbury, said he was delighted.

Station scheme

COMMUNICATIONS firm Telefonika UK Ltd has applied to Sandwell Council to build a new base station comprising a 49ft works column, with two associated antennas at the junction with Clarkes lane and Lindsey Road, West Bromwich.

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Players' learning link-up

SPORTING Club Albion has linked up with University College Birmingham to launch a foundation degree course in community sport and business management.

A key focus of the two-year full-time course is it will offer both current and future Sporting Club Albion players a pathway towards achieving a higher education qualification.

Sporting, based at The Albion Foundation, is West Bromwich Albion Football Club's official representative club for all sports outside of the professional football and academy sections.

The course will complement players' sporting excellence programmes in Sporting Club Albion's three sections – women's and girls football, basketball and disability football (including powerchair, blind and visually impaired and pan-disability) – and give them the opportunity to secure a credible qualification.

The course has been developed by Sporting Club Albion and UCB lecturers and will be delivered at UCB, based in Birmingham City Centre.

The first intake of students will begin studying from September.

Visit www.ucas.com for details.

Expert on school visit

A PROFESSOR was visiting schools in Tipton this week to assess learning standards.

Dylan Wiliam is the professor of educational assessment at the Institute of Education. Among schools he will go to are Ocker Hill Infants, Joseph Turner Primary and Summerhill Primary.

He will sit in on classes and talk to children and staff and share his findings with headteachers. On Thursday he will give training on formative assessment to 160 selected staff from all Tipton schools.

Titanic tales on at museum

AN EXHIBITION on the Titanic and its passengers is running at Wednesbury Museum and Art Gallery until later this month.

Lost Voices of the Titanic focuses on tales frommembers of the crew and passengers, including ship cello player John Wesley Woodward from West Bromwich.

Golfing benefits cheat collected £34,000

Michael Scott – cheat

A BENEFITS cheat who pocketed more than £34,000 while regularly playing 18 holes of golf in West Bromwich has been jailed.

Michael Scott took part in Saturday tournaments at the Hill Top course, even though he was in receipt of incapacity benefits and claimed he could not hold a knife and fork because of severe cramp in his hands, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard last week.

He carried on the scam for more than eight years, the court was told.

The 59-year-old cut his golf handicap from 17 to 14 despite telling government officials he had to crawl upstairs on all fours, Mr Gurdeep Garcha, prosecuting, revealed.

Scott also maintained that he needed assistance to stand, had difficulty grasping a pen to write and took a minute to move just 10 metres, the court heard.

Covered

In fact, he covered three and a half miles every time he completed a round of golf.

He was a member of both Swindon Golf Club near Dudley and Hill Top as well as belonging to the Dudley Golf Society, said Mr Garcha.

The former printer from Gayfield Avenue, Brierley Hill, pleaded guilty to failing to inform the Department of Work and Pensions of a change in circumstances between August 23, 2002, and November 2, 2010, when he fraudulently received £34,104 without acknowledging that his mobility had improved.

Mr Danny Smith, defending, said: "He injured his back and over-embellished long standing medical issues in an effort to maintain his lifestyle.

"He did not tell the truth about his own capabilities but was too scared of the financial consequences of coming off benefits."

Father-of-two Scott, married for 37 years, has a £102,000 mortgage on his house which could now be repossessed, owes £20,000 on credit cards and has a £7,000 loan, the court heard.

He wept when jailed for 26 weeks by Judge Robin Onions who warned the money must be repaid.

Plumber billed £2,224 after being called to leaking tap

A PLUMBER billed an Oldbury pensioner £2,224 after being called out to his home to repair a leaky tap. Steven Greenaway, aged 39, was sentenced after being found guilty of carrying out unnecessary work and also overcharging the 76-year-old man, who was suffering from Huntington's disease.

Greenaway of Marlpool Lane, Kidderminster, had denied two charges of fraud but he was found guilty at Wolverhampton Crown Court last month. On Monday he was made the subject of a 12-month supervision order, told to carry out 200 hours unpaid work in the community and to pay £500 compensation to the pensioner. During trial Mr Mark Jackson, prosecuting for Sandwell Council's trading standards department, said Greenaway called at the pensioner's home because he had a leaking bathroom tap.

But Greenaway charged him for a new bath that the pensioner, who had a number of "chronic" medical conditions, did not need. Judge Michael Dudley had earlier directed the panel to find Greenaway not guilty of a third charge of fraud and of stealing £600 from the pensioner.

The judge told Greenaway yesterday: "He was patently an extremely vulnerable gentleman. He was reliant on a tradesman doing an honest job for honest pay and the jury found you effectively rooked him of a considerable sum of money.

"He was not expecting to pay for a new bath and, if he was, not for the sum of money you took from him.

"It is a despicable offence."

The court had been told the self-employed plumber had charged the pensioner for installing the new bath while working as a sub-contractor for 1st Action Maintenance.

Mr Jackson maintained Greenaway never asked permission to remove the old bath or install the new one.

In evidence Greenaway, a father of one, told the jury he had acted above board and stressed he gave the man a fixed price for the work that needed to be done in his bathroom.

Mr Simon Rippon, defending Greenaway, a man of previous good character, said the conviction would badly affect his ability to work as a plumber and that he may now need to find alternative employment.

Sign of the times with front facelift

A FEATURE of Tipton is set for a facelift. The Tipton & Coseley Building Society has revealed proposals for a revamp to its front in Owen Street with a blue and green colour scheme.

A larger totem pole will feature a digital clock and signs directing customers to come in and talk about investments, savings, insurance and mortgages.

There will be a new blue and green sign stretching across the entrance doorway. It will be in addition to the traditional metal font near the roof of the building with the famous moniker and clock, which bosses have decided to keep "for historic reasons".

A second small totem pole will point drivers to its car park and there will be another hood on the rear entrance of the building from the car park.

Chief executive for the past 42 years, Chris Martin, said: "The signage is to help us benefit from the increased flow of traffic along Owen Street which has really happened since the Tipton Tunnel opened around two years ago.

Chiefs revealed its profits had risen to £2.84 million, up from £2.47 million a year ago, as it lent out £50.6 million in mortgages despite the stagnant housing market.

Help for diabetics

DIABETICS and their carers are being invited to a public meeting on the future of diabetes care in Sandwell. It is being organised by Diabetes UK and Sandwell PCT and will be chaired by Diabetes UK's Midlands regional manager Pete Shorrick with a panel of healthcare professionals and representatives from the PCT. It starts at 7.30pm at the the Town Hall, High Street, West Bromwich, next Thursday, April 27.

Marathon in memory of wife

Matt Johnson prepares for the marathon with support from son Harry, eight

A ROWLEY Regis man will run the London Marathon in memory of his wife who died just one month after their son was born.

Matt Johnson, aged 38, will take part in the 26-mile run to raise funds for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust in a bid to help them find a cure for the disease which took his wife Karen.

Mr Johnson, a web manager at Sandwell Council, hopes to raise £1,000.

Cystic fibrosis affects the internal organs, especially the lungs and digestive system. Mrs Johnson died aged 32 in 2004 just a month after the couple's son Harry was born.

Karen Johnson

Mr Johnson, of Churchill Drive said: "I had an awful lot of support from friends and family back then and throughout really.

I am so grateful to them for helping me through that terrible time.

I am now asking for their help again to sponsor my marathon."

Visit www.justgiving.com /matts-london-marathon

NEWS in brief

Arson attack at factory squat

SUSPECTED arsonists set fire to a disused Cradley Heath factory that it is believed has been inhabited by squatters.

The blaze was in a two-storey industrial site on Newlyn Roadlast week.

Firefighters said the factory was disused but it appeared there were people sleeping inside as two bed frames with mattresses were visible despite fire damage.

The first floor was burnt out. It took 20 firefighters around three-and-a-half hours to bring the blaze under control.

Approval over health sharing

PROPOSALS to have a shared director of public health for Sandwell and Dudley have been given approval by Sandwell Council's Cabinet.

Under Government plans, responsibility for a range of public health functions will transfer from primary care trusts to local authorities.

The plan is to co-ordinate sharing of responsibilities and have a single director of public health for both boroughs.

The wait goes on over toilets work

REPORTS deciding the future of public toilets are still being prepared months after around 230 campaigners called for their urgent replacement.

Councillor Mary Docker has been campaigning for the conveniences on Henderson Way, Blackheath, to be overhauled.

She first told a meeting of Sandwell's full council back in September a way forward must be found.

Store staff boost funds by £6,000

AN OLDBURY supermarket raised more than £6,000 during its fundraising activities for Sports Relief.

Staff at Sainsbury's, Freeth Street, raised £6,376 by holding sporting activities, cake sales, table top sales and sweepstakes.They also took part in the Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile at Brintons Park, Kidderminster.

A wake-up call

WARLEY MP John Spellar has said a report from Parliament's Home Affairs Select Committee into the failure of the UK Border Agency to deport foreign criminals is a wake up call to the government.

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Church cuts services as cash begins to dwindle

A CHURCH in West Bromwich is reducing the variety of its services and printing its magazines in black and white rather than colour after a £13,000 funding shortfall.

By David Lumb

Bosses at All Saints Church are also appealing to its congregation members to use their skills to help raise funds.

The money-saving initiatives come after the church was forced to exhaust its reserves in order to pay £13,000 gas, electricity and water bills.

"It's a sign of the times," said church treasurer Paul Bailey. "The economic crisis has reached all quarters.

"Although we have as many members, their budgets at home have also reduced, as a result of the economic downturn, and that has affected donations.

"This is about trying to avoid the same situation next year. We can't keep going into our reserves because they will dry up."

The annual upkeep cost of the church in All Saints Way is £13,000-£20,000.

It also has to pay Lichfield Diocese £55,000 a year.

As part of cost-cutting measures, the church is printing its monthly magazine in black and white.

It is also going to repeat the format of some services, to cut down on the number of order of services it has to print, and create a special stewardship scheme to utilise skills of people who are in the congregation.

This could mean getting a builder who attends church regularly to fix a leaking roof for free, for example.

"We are asking everyone to look at what they can bring to the table," said Mr Bailey.

"People see the church as something that's always going to be there. "They forget we are a business.

"It's a fine balance for us to be able to attract funding – we can't be too heavy handed.

"But I'm sure with the right approach people will come forward."

He added that the reason the church had a shortfall this year was because of increasing energy costs and reduced donations as a result of the economic downturn.

Special birthday

Prianka Chowdhury with proud mother Ferdousi

SHE was not even expected to survive her birth and underwent a kidney transplant less than three years ago. But West Bromwich teenager Prianka Chowdhury, who was born with Dandy-Walker Syndrome, celebrated her milestone 16th birthday with a £15,000 party of a lifetime.

The condition means she was born which an absence of part of her brain and it caused her kidneys to fail when she was just eight, leading to a transplant aged 13. But despite her health worries Prianka's mother Ferdousi gave her a dream Disney-themed birthday party at the Masonic Hall, Edward Street, which featured a limousine ride, flower girls, dhol drummers and a castle-shaped birthday cake.

Medics at Birmingham Children's Hospital were also invited to share the occasion. Ferdousi, a 44-year-old businesswoman, said: "It was worth every penny."

Conmen rob pensioner

TWO callers snatched the wallet of a pensioner and knocked him to the floor at his home in Wednesbury. The men called at a house in Archer Close, stating they were carrying out work in the area. The 71-year-old resident let them in. They put taps on and struck up a conversation with him about home security. Police said the victim removed his wallet from his pocket, which the men snatched sometime 1.15pm and 2pm last Wednesday, April 11. Both men are described as white, aged between 33 to 35 years old, slim and around 5ft 7ins to 5ft 8ins. One wore a grey woolly hat with a peak, a waist-length black leather jacket with a badge on the top left arm and blue jeans. The other wore a light coloured hat and blue jeans.

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Yeltz's dedicated Dave dies of heart attack, 78

A DEDICATED football fan who worked tirelessly on behalf of his beloved club, volunteering hours of his time, has died, aged 78.

Dave Parker is believed to have suffered a heart attack soon after arriving at Halesowen Town FC's ground to watch a match.

Officials and supporters have paid to tribute to Mr Parker, of Quinton.

They said he was the "heart and soul of the club" and would be deeply missed by all.

A painter and decorator, Mr Parker was among a group of volunteers who visited the club's ground, The Grove, every day to maintain the site. He had been at The Grove as normal last week to prepare the dressing rooms for a match.

He returned later to watch the game but collapsed. Supporters carried out resuscitation until paramedics arrived and he was taken to hospital but died.

Officials from the club said Mr Parker was survived by a son and daughter.

Club chairman Colin Brookes said it had been a "complete shock".

The club held a minute's silence for Mr Parker at their home match with Clevedon Town. Players were also wearing black armbands.

Mr Brookes said: "Dave was the heart and soul of the club. Nothing was too much trouble for him. I speak for everyone when I say he will be very deeply missed."

Yeltz Trust chairman Gary Willetts said: "Everyone loved him. There was no-one who had a bad word to say about Dave."

Hope to stir up Envy

New pop group with an edge Envy with Mikey Bromley, Charlie Carter and front Juliette Mills from Dudley

A NEWLY-FORMED Black Country band have set their sights on becoming the envy of young music hopefuls across the West Midlands – literally. Envy have already performed on stage alongside X Factor stars Alexandra Burke and Joe McElderry, as well as dance group Booty Luv in Brighton. Their debut single, Entice You – written by the group – is already gaining popularity on the region's radio stations, even before its official launch, planned for June. The all-vocal band consists of Charlie Carter, aged 25, from Aldridge, Mikey Bromley, 24, of Bushbury, Wolverhampton, and Juliette Mills, 23, of Dudley.

Lindsey has the voice

BLACK Country Living Museum worker Lindsey Butler HAS secured a place in the next round of hit BBC television contest The Voice. Lindsey, of West Bromwich, was picked to join the team of Welsh singing legend Tom Jones, after her stunning performance of Rod Stewart's I Don't Wanna Talk About It. Speaking after her audition, the 41-year-old said: I didn't feel particularly nervous before I hit the stage but as I walked towards the mic, I could feel my knees shaking."

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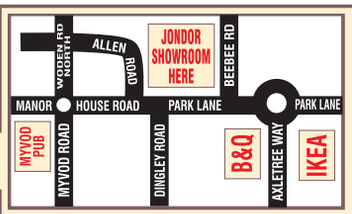

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New homes may oust firms

AS MANY as 750 homes could be built on a Tipton trading estate under a scheme which could leave businesses having to look for new bases.

The houses could be built on Vaughan Trading Estate and the adjoining Black Country Castings property, in Sedgley Road East. Advance Land and Planning Ltd, acting for owners Commercial Estates Group, wrote to the council, saying: "The overall site to the north of Sedgley Road East could accommodate in the region of 750 dwellings. The group intends to progress with the collation of all the essential information necessary to support a planning application."

The estate's owners say they will work with tenants on relocation gradually when the scheme comes to fruition. Units have already been demolished on the site in recent months.

Richard Burke, of the group, added: "We recognise that Sandwell Council has to find land for housing to meet the future needs of the local community over the long term to 2021."

Staff scheme allows emergency time off

WORKERS at Sandwell Council would be able to accrue up to a week's worth of hours in lieu to be used at times of emergency under plans announced to cut staff absence and improve efficiency.

The authority, which is currently trying to cut down on the number of sick days workers take, wants to introduce the scheme so staff can stay at home in the event of an unforeseen event. The time owed can be used for events such as a boiler breaking or family emergency.

By David Lumb

Under separate proposals staff who also volunteer as police officers could get up to five extra days paid leave a year. Special constables will be able to use the leave for the purpose of mandatory attendance to police incidents, training or rest days.

It comes after one council worker was called out to deal with the summer riots at night and then had to work the following day.

There are seven workers at the council who volunteer as special constables currently. In order to gain the leave, the workers will have to provide proof of the event or meeting they have attended.

Sandwell's efficiency boss Councillor Mahboob Hussain said: "As a caring council we believe this will drive performance in difficult times. There may be workers who abuse the system. I can't say yes or no. But you have to trust your employees.

"If someone is doing public service on a voluntary basis then they are entitled to get that as paid leave."

On the proposed emergency leave scheme he added: "The worker would still have to make this time up, they are not getting anything for free.

"It's better than them just not turning up to work on the day."

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Double processions will will close borough roads

Patriots cut a dash

Visitor Joseph Padmore gets set for St George's Day

A FREE family event to celebrate St George's Day is being held at The Manor House Museum, Hall Green Road, West Bromwich, on Saturday from noon until 4pm.

Museum spokeswoman Rachel Smith said: "The event is called St George at the Manor House and we have got lots of exciting things going on. We have got an animatronic dragon and there will be a performance with audience participation carrying out he slaying of the dragon.

"There will also be a brass band, craft workshops and craft stalls and Fizzog medieval street entertainers.

"The Moorland Allotment tea rooms will also be open serving refreshments."

ROADS in West Bromwich and Smethwick will be closed on Sunday for two major processions. The St George's Day and Vaisakhi parades will be both be held on April 22 with tens of thousands of people set to take to the streets.

By Lisa Wright

In Smethwick there will be rolling road closures at High Street from its junction with St Alban's Road to its junction with Tollhouse Way, Rolfe Street, Rabone Lane and Booth Street. On leaving Booth Street, in Sandwell, the procession will then continue to Birmingham.

It will then proceed to Handsworth Park.

The road closures will be on a rolling basis with all roads not being closed at the same time, but it is expected that High Street will be closed from 6am and that Tollhouse Way will be closed from 11am for around 30 minutes.

Parmjit Singh Dhillon president of the Gurdwara Baba Sang in St Paul's Road where people will start to meet before setting off around 10am, said: "It is an event for all of the community to participate in and we are looking forward to it.

"It gives us a chance to celebrate our religion and makes us proud to be Sikh."

Meanwhile in West Bromwich, rolling road closures will be in place between 9.30am and 1pm for the St George's Day parade.

Closures will affect Westminster Road, Lincoln Road, Beverley Road, Canterbury Road, Marsh Lane, Walsall Road, Heath Lane, All Saints Way, Parsonage Street, Church Vale, Dagger Lane, Salters Lane and Lloyd Street.

Westminster Road, between Hall Green Road and Marsh Lane, will be closed at 9.30am in order for the parade to form up.

At around 10.45am the procession will move forward along Westminster Road and into Marsh Lane continuing along the listed road until the parade arrives at Lloyd Street.

The roads will then reopen.

Organiser Mark Cowles from the Stone Cross St George Association said: "We hope this year's parade will be just as successful as in previous years."

Boost as firm drums up business

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Get-together for old classmates

A GROUP that have been friends for more than 50 years are helping to organise a reunion for hundreds of ex-pupils.

A get-together for former students of St James's School in Wednesbury has been organised for May 9.

It will include a service at St James's Church, in Hollies Drive, led by Father Kevin Palmer at 10am.

There will then be a tour of the school and the chance for old pupils to renew old friendships.

A group of eight who attended the school between 1955-59 will be among those attending.

They regularly meet for a meal and catch up once a month.

Former pupils are spread across the region, including Sandwell, Walsall, Wolverhampton and Dudley. Celia Richardson, aged 67, of Dingley Road, Wednesbury, said: "We are all looking forward to it."

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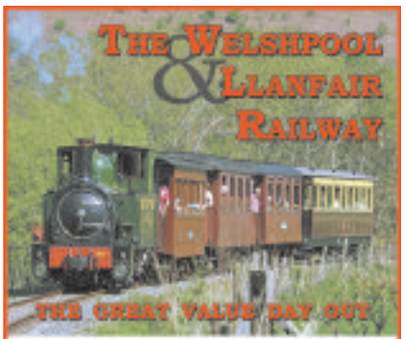

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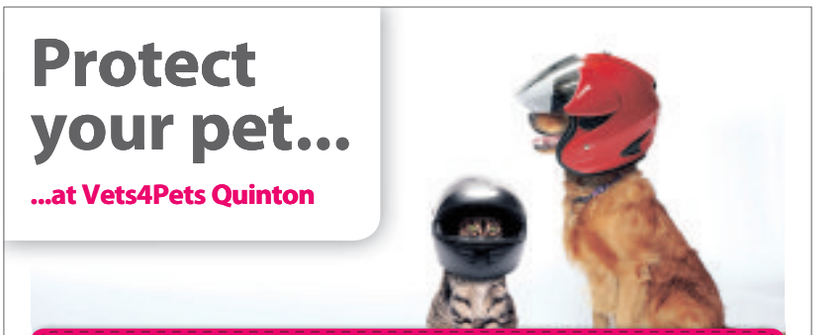

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A sad decision to close

I AM very sad to learn that WH Smith is to close in West Bromwich. I was born in that town and was working in retail at the time the store was opened. But WH Smith seems to have lost its way in recent years.

The West Brom branch is more like a second hand shop now. Gone are its music video department which I used a lot at one time. When asked why I was told that they couldn't compete with the internet, but they can still sell books at special offer so why not music and video?

It's sad to see that our high streets are in poor condition, but then again one could blame this on the high rates which local councils such as Sandwell charge. Very few of the councillors seem to have any business sense. They spend our money as if there was no tomorrow and then wonder why people complain. I can't see how the revamp of West Brom town centre is going to help. The Kings and Queens centres were once immaculate, but thanks to the local council things are no longer as they were. I write this as an ex-West Bromwich man having been born in Paradise Street, and my home town which was once so well respected is now just a tatty place to pass through, with no shops of any high quality such as M&S, Waterstones, HMV, Woolworth's (Still going strong in Australia) etc.

Perhaps when the centre revamp is done WH Smith might come back? Poor old West Brom!

Cliff Millward
Tipton

We must fight this plan to shut shop

IT was with dismay that I learned that WH Smith is to close its West Bromwich branch on May 19, after 35 years of trading in the town.

I think this is really short-sighted in view of the big retail development going on, with the new Tesco store, amongst others, due to open in the not too distant future.

Surely the big redevelopment plans will attract shoppers and increase WH Smith's customer base?

If the store has been under-performing then the management at WH Smith have to question the underlying reasons. In my opinion, WH Smith are very good at selling magazines and newspapers as they keep a good stock of niche-market magazines.

Where they are not so good is selling over-priced calendars, stationery and trying to compete with Amazon with discounted books. Also, in my opinion, the layout of the store is appalling, with far too much clutter.

The closure means that to get a specialist magazine (my interest is mainly railways, computers and hi-fi) I will now have to journey to Birmingham or Walsall. I can hardly see the likes of Tesco stocking specialist railway publications.

I do hope WH Smiths will reconsider. Come on people of West Bromwich, we must fight this!

Geoff Emson
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People in 40s need support

REGARDING the appointment of the new high street sheriff for youth unemployment.

While Stewart Towe's idea about getting the young into full or part time employment, he's a step in the right direction, getting young people off benefit and into work, and hopefully stop more of the riots of 2011.

I would like to ask, how about someone helping us 40 and 50 something's into work as the government wants us to work past 65?

It seems employers don't want to take on older people or that's how it seems and someone of Stewart Towe standing would be of help in getting us old ones, into work, and give us back some of our lost pride.

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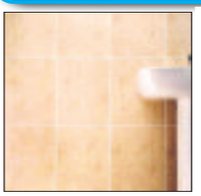

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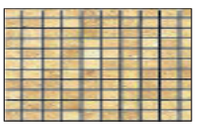

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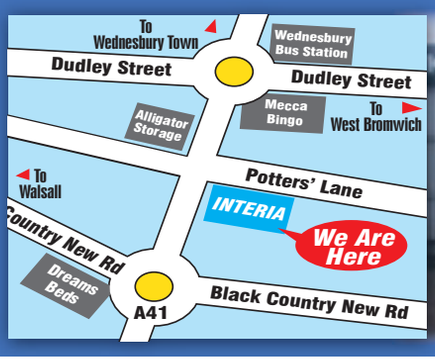

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Day to remember

Double celebrations for Albion mascot Shannon Kelly

WEST Bromwich Albion fan Shannon Kelly had a birthday to remember when she escorted her beloved Baggies onto the pitch as mascot. The 12-year old from Rowley Regis even got to walk out with her favourite player Peter Odemwingie before a 3-0 victory over Blackburn.

The club gave the he St Michael's CofE High School pupil several mementos of her special day, including a stationery set, team strip, Easter egg, an autograph book and a lunch box. She also got a shirt signed by the whole team.

Training numbers fixed

THE number of top bosses and middle managers at Sandwell Council who will receive extra training to manage spending cuts is now being finalised. The authority, which must save £75 million before 2015, advertised for contractors to provide a leadership and management development programme. The cost of the training has not been revealed as chiefs wait to hear the contractors prices.

Closed care centre may be turned into homes

A RESPITE care centre in West Bromwich which closed with the loss of 33 jobs could be turned into homes. Sandwell Council has put Warstone House up for sale after taking the decision to close it last April.

By Alex Homer

The centre had been used by 72 families.

Chiefs say the Salters Lane building could be turned into up to 15 homes but retains planning permission to remain a care home if an interested operator came forward.

Bosses are selling the centre under a sealed bid, which means they will not say how much they are asking.

Bids have to be in by midday on Friday.

The authority says that method guarantees the best return for the taxpayer, as buyers will not try and undercut any price estimated.

The original decision to close the home was down to running costs, "old-fashioned" facilities and Government directives to give families their own payments, called personalised budgets, to organise respite care.

Councillor Ian Jones, from the asset management and land disposal committee, said the centre's subsequent sale was unavoidable.

He said: "Government has acted like Pontius Pilate and washed its hands of how their decisions play out locally.

"We have to sell assets to raise money and it is a regrettable decision.

"I hope this will be interesting for buyers because of its picturesque location overlooking Sandwell Valley."

When the facility closed, it forced 72 families to look for alternative centres for their severely-disabled children.

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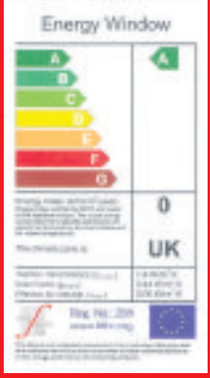

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Pupils in the classroom from around 1925 all with their hands behind their backs

Medallion – struck in 1843 to raise funds for the school

The school in 1989, shortly before moving to Black Country Living Museum

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SCHOOLDAYS, supposedly, are the best days of our lives but the Class of 1842 might disagree as caning was part of the curriculum and it cost two pennies a week to attend.

MEMORY LANE

By Black Country Living Museum's Fiona Carding

Pupils at St James' School, Salop Street, Eve Hill, Dudley who turned up wearing dirty boots found themselves scratching "slovenliness" 100 times on to their slate and serious misdemeanors received a more severe punishment.

Stuffy in the summer and cold in the winter, children would sometimes fall asleep in the classrooms or be forced to run round the schoolyard to keep warm.

Stoves

Schoolmaster, Mr Westbury, wrote on July 22 1868: "Another very hot day. Several little boys fell asleep, did not trouble to wake them".

January 4: "Very cold, allowed the classes to stand round the stoves, 10 minutes each class"

The school bell announced the start of the day at 8.55am when pupils lined up in the yard, before filing into the classroom.

After the register, hymns would be sung and then the teaching would begin.

The youngest children would sit in the gallery where they would chant the alphabet backwards or recite rhymes such as "Infants never must be lazy, On to work and up-si-daisy".

Another class sat on the benches and practised drawing pot hooks on their slates in preparation for real writing.

Standard 1 would sit at the desk to write with ink pens in their copy books.

Pupils with dirty hands would be sent home to wash before they began.

The children would copy proverbs which the teacher would write on the blackboard such as: A fool and his money are soon parted; waste not, want not or count ten before you speak, and used rhyming language to remember facts and figures.

School treats saw usually reluctant pupils attending classes. The School's log book notes on August 3 1863: "Seven boys admitted in 4th class. Many seeking admission in expectation of school treat."

End of term treats included nuts and oranges and there was often an annual school trip.

Honour

The pupils of 1888 enjoyed an August day out to Himley Park to honour the Earl of Dudley's coming of age.

St. James' ceased to operate as a school in 1980 when it became a community centre.

In 1989 the building closed as it had become structurally unsafe.

The school was moved to the Black Country Living Museum and reopened in May 1992 where children can once again experience a Victorian School lesson, held daily, in St James' School.

One of the volunteers re-enacting the schoolroom at the museum

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Disappoiment at £2.2m grant over pupil places

MORE than £2.2 million has been awarded to schools in Sandwell to create extra pupil places but it has been criticised as being to little.

The cash is part of a plan to cope with space shortages due to rising birth rates.

The money from the Government will be spent in the next financial year to cover the cost of catering for more youngsters and expanding school buildings.

But Sandwell Council leader Councillor Darren Cooper has called the award a "drop in the ocean" compared to the cash needed to help cope with the borough's baby boom.

It is believed 1,000 extra school places could be needed every year if the rise in birth rates continues at the same pace as now.

Growth

A total of £600m is being made available nationwide.

Staffordshire has been awarded the most in the West Midlands with more than £12.8 million, with Wolverhampton, Walsall and Dudley all missing out. Sandwell has been given £2,286,542.

Councillor Cooper said: "I knew that there was going to be an announcement , but for Sandwell to only get £2 million out of £600 million it is very disappointing.

"The population growth in Sandwell is accelerating and this will have a big impact on parents and pupils of Sandwell.

School staff pension joy

NON-TEACHING staff at five Rowley Regis primary schools which are set to become trust schools have been given permission to remain in the council's pension scheme. Brickhouse, Old Hill, Rowley Hall, Springfield and Temple Meadow have decided to become trust schools. Councillors at Sandwell Council's meeting approved the plan.

Indie weekend success

Dakota Beats – Jay and Tom Amphlett, Rich Campbell, Mark Grigg and Dan Harris – one of the bands playing at the weekend

HUNDREDS of music fans gathered at The Public in West Bromwich for a two-day festival of music and art.

The Now We Are Weekender attracted almost 600 people from across the country.

It featured 30 indie bands as well as art and craft workshops featuring activities including mask making, self-portrait classes, card flower making and drawing sessions. The event was headlined by Misty's Big Adventure, Art Brut, The Lovely Eggs and The School with DJs playing sets on both nights.

The Public spokesman Chris Maher said: "It's the first time we've done something like this with London-based promoter Funny Looking Cat. The atmosphere has been really good and the feedback has been unanimously positive."

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Poignant musical marks the 100th anniversary of Titanic

The full cast of West Bromwich Operatic Society's production of Titanic! The Musical at the Grand Theatre

TRUE stories from the Titanic has been told by members of West Bromwich Operatic Society.

One hundred years since the ill-fated ship sank, the curtain went up on their latest show Titanic! The Musical.

The show, described as "highly emotional", highlights the stories of several people who were aboard the Titanic as it made its maiden voyage from the UK to America. Forty-nine members of the amateur dramatics society took to the stage on stage at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre on Tuesday, as well as four dogs.

IT consultant Andreas Hope, aged 50, from Sutton Coldfield, plays the part of Captain Edward Smith.

Emotional

He said: "It's a very emotional show. It goes through the lives of all the different classes on the ship. All the characters in the show were actually on the ship so it's very close to real life."

Society chairwoman Viv Davis added it felt "special" to be performing the musical in such a landmark year.

"We planned to perform the show this week to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the actual Titanic sinking," she said.

"It's going to be very poignant.

"The costumes all look great and we are all ready to go."

Titanic! The Musical runs at the Lichfield Street venue until Saturday.

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Confident handling of complex production

Titanic! The Musical, Wolverhampton Grand

WEST Bromwich Operatic Society set sail this week at the Grand Theatre with their latest production, Titanic! The Musical, marking the 100th anniversary of one of the greatest disasters of the 20th century.

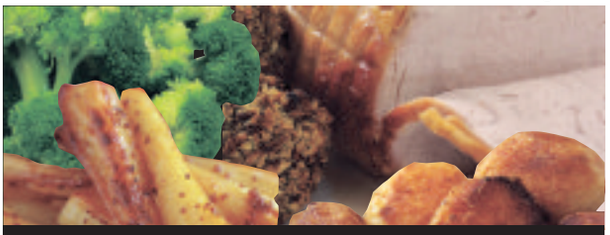
As the title suggests, this musical is the tale of the sinking of the Titanic on her maiden voyage in the early hours of April 15, 1912, and is based on true stories of the passengers on board.

The production team of Steve Bracey, Mike Capri and Jonathon Hill have risen to the challenge, to produce a powerful production with a compelling story and some haunting performances by talented amateurs. The standout performance, both vocally and dramatically, has to be John Wetherall as Thomas Andrews, the designer of Titanic.

He is by no means alone. Tye Harris as stoker Frederick Barrett delivers an impressive solo whilst Rachel Davies is delightful as Irish dreamer Kate McGowen. There are excellent cameo performances from Jake Sharpe and Sarah Moor, who bring much-needed light relief.

The score of Titanic is not easy on the ear and at times the volume of such a large company sounded somewhat harsh but the chorus pulled off the complex musical numbers with confidence.

Alison Norton



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50-year gold journey for couple who met on a bus

Trevor and Janet Round celebrate their golden wedding with family and friends

TWO Tividale lovebirds who met on the bus on the way back from a Christian meeting have credited their faith for helping them achieve 50 years of marriage.

Janet and Trevor Round, both aged 73, got chatting on the way back from Birmingham in 1956.

Then aged 17, they had been to a Youth for Christ meeting at Birmingham Town Hall.

They wed at Whiteheath Methodist Church, Blackheath in 1962. They now have two children and two great-grandchildren. Asked the secret to a successful marriage, Mrs Round said: "Our faith has helped us a lot. It has allowed us to support one another in life's ups and downs."

Mr and Mrs Round attend Oakham Church in Tividale every Sunday and had a party with fellow worshippers to mark the occasion.

Mrs Round, a former secretary, of Darbys Hill Road, said she can remember her husband-to-be approaching her on the bus back in 1956.

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The couple's wedding day

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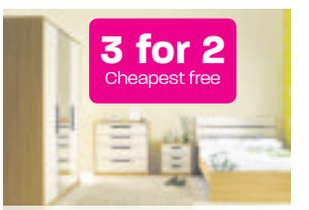

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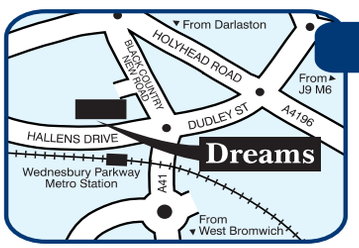

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CLUB NEWS

Museum history is talk topic

MY TIME OVER FIFTIES

A LARGE group of members and visitors enjoyed a talk by Mr David Baker on the black country living Museum at the March meeting.

Mr Baker is one of the Friends of the Museum who helped create the attraction.

The idea of a living museum, to show the social history of the Black Country arose in 1970 and the first meeting was held that year.

A Trust was created and in 1975 the museum opened on the 26-acre site which had to be reclaimed from a former railway goods yard, which included lime kilns and more than 40 mine shafts.

Mr Baker went on to explain where the buildings that form the village came from and how, as the village has grown, a new street has been added. Those who had not visited the museum for some time were reminded of how much there is to see and experience there.

MyTime Over Fifties are planning a Bluebell walk, Sunday lunches and visits as part of the summer programme. New members and visitors are welcome.

Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 2pm in the Amblecote room, Stourbridge Town Hall.

The next meeting is on April 25, when Mr Ken Gilkes will be telling of the flight of King Charles II.

President gives out cheques to charities

Pat Roberts, of Midland Air Ambulance, Eileen Cryer, President SI Cannock & District, Hayley Cliff, of Pathway and Janette Arrowsmith, Cannock Friends of St Giles

CANNOCK SOROPTIMISTS

AT HER last meeting as President, Eileen Cryer took the opportunity to present cheques to three local charities benefiting from the club's fundraising during the year.

She invited Hayley Cliff from Pathway, Pat Roberts from Midland Air Ambulance and Janette Arrowsmith, chairman of Cannock Friends of St Giles to join for a meal and to receive cheques.

Eileen presented a cheque for £1,300 to Pathway and Hayley, deputy director, thanked the club for its continued support.

Eileen's chosen charities for the year, Midlands Air Ambulance and St Giles Hospice, each received a cheque for £1,000. Pat Roberts told the club that the money was hugely appreciated, while Janette Arrowsmith told Eileen and members that the amount of £1,000 was far beyond her expectations.

Garden tips for members

BREWOOD WI

SPEAKER Derek Higgott's talk was entitled "All Things Bright and Beautiful".

Derek's plot is famously known as The Secret Garden in Staffordshire. He began the evening by showing slides of his beautiful garden in all its glory during every season. He also showed slides of Shugborough where he is one of two gardeners who keep the grounds immaculate.

Recently the BBC rang Derek to ask if one of the presenters of Gardner's World could visit. Carol Klein later came to look over his garden and this was included on one episode.

Derek has also been invited by Radio 4's Gardeners' Question Time to answer any problems people may have. He finished off by answering several questions for members.

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Don't let the sun bring plague of rogue traders

RESIDENTS Sandwell are being warned about a possible increase of rogue traders calling at their doors as the weather improves.

As peoples' thoughts turn towards improvements at home, Sandwell Council's trading standards team warned of rogue businesses targeting homes to offer gardening work, repairing or cleaning roofs, jetwash or coating driveways.

Trading standards officers said dodgy traders often use intimidating or aggressive practices, overcharge and give misleading statements about the work that they offer.

This often leaves the homeowners with poor quality work and facing more bills to put problems right.

Common scams include callers offering to replace a roof tile and then saying water is spilling into the roof and it needs urgent replacement.

Another warning was about workers quoting a cheap price for gardening and then charging more for "extra" work carried out. Traders have also been known to claim they have extra hard road surface left over which will go off if unused.

Another common ruse is for bogus callers to replace rotten wood soffits, fascia boards and guttering but using plastic to cover the problem instead.

Bob Charnley, trading standards manager in Sandwell, said: "Ask yourself if you would trust important and potentionally expensive work to someone you have never heard of, and may never see again."

Officers said residents should not agree to work on the spur of the moment.

Al ready for rock opera

Al Atkins has signed up to perform in a heavy metal opera project

JUDAS Priest founder Al Atkins has signed up for his latest rock project – singing in a heavy metal opera. The father-of-five, of Sandwell Road, West Bromwich, left Judas Priest before the band went on to find and enjoy international stardom.

But he did perform with music heavyweights David Bowie, Elton John and Rod Stewart during the late 1960s. He is one of seven vocalists to have signed up for the metal and opera recording, entitled Mopera and will be released on CD.

He will be joined Tommy Heart from Fair Warning, Veronica Freeman of Benedictum, and Graham Bonnet, who has sung with Rainbow and had a solo career.

Al said: "It's something a little bit different and not at all bad from a lad from West Brom to be playing with global metal legends."

Store's extra space plan

A HOMECARE store in West Bromwich has submitted plans to convert a first floor flat into extra showroom space in a bid to rent it out. Chris Dryden, from Ideal Homecare, Hall Green Road, said in documents submited to the council he was acting on advice the change is needed to rent the space.

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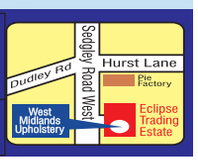

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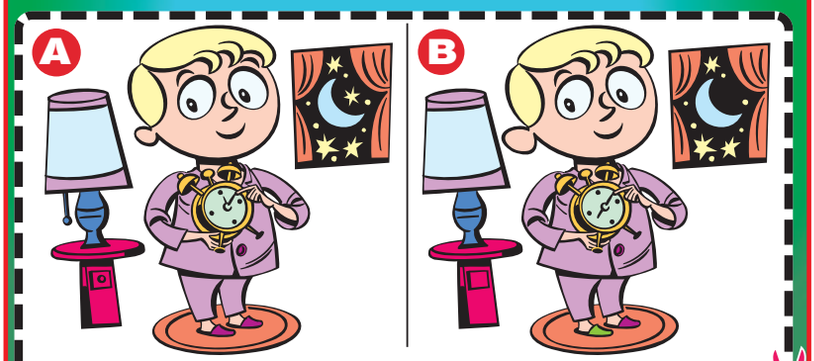

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Diamond couple

Diamond celebrations for Norman and Elsie Howes

A COUPLE, who lived just doors away from each other as children and then went on to fall in love as adults, have celebrated their diamond wedding.

Elsie and Norman Howes, were brought up just four doors apart on the same street, North Road in Tipton.

Mrs Howes said they played together but back then could never have imagined they would be spending the rest of their lives together.

The 81-year-old said: "We actually got together as teenagers. We used to go riding bikes when we were about 18." The pair courted for two years before marrying at St Mark's, Ocker Hill, 60 years ago.

The couple's wedding day

Mr Howes, aged 84, spent his working life as a tube bender for Wellington Tubes Works while Mrs Howes worked as a cleaner at Willingsworth school.

Free meal claims are endorsed

PARENTS in Sandwell are being urged to register their pupils for free school meals – even if they bring a packed lunch. Under the Government's Pupil Premium scheme, schools can have £600 for every pupil registered.

By David Lumb

Some parents have not registered their children, thinking it is not necessary because they take their own lunch to school.

But what they do not realise is the pupil premium cash is not meant to cover the cost of any meals eaten – schools can spend the money how they like.

It is purely a benchmark used by the Government to make sure schools with more pupils from deprived backgrounds get extra cash.

Sandwell Council schools boss Councillor Bob Badham said they had launched the campaign to increase the number of pupils registering for school meals – even if they don't have the meals.

He said: "It's to give us the opportunity to give under-privileged kids the opportunity to do better.

"The Government has already made draconian cuts in education and we are encouraging it so pupils can get as much support as they can."

Ryders Green Primary headteacher Devinder Riat has sent a letter to parents urging them to register.

"No-one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming," said the headteacher of the Claypit Lane school.

"We understand the reasons why some parents/carers do not like to claim free school meals, and that some pupils prefer packed lunches or to go home for lunch.

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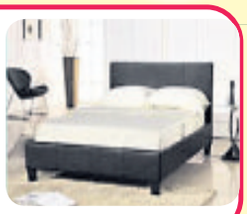

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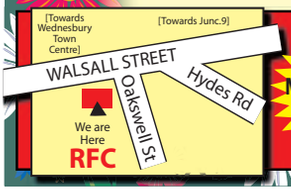

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The hordes of gadget fans, many eager to get 'hands on' with the new products, were kept busy with zones dedicated to photography, gaming, in-car entertainment, music making, home gadgetry, outdoor pursuits and future technology. There were also product launches and lecture theatres where gadgets were put through their paces at the five-day event.

Some of these products were toys for very rich boys (or girls) including the **TL1 motion simulator** with wrap-around 180 degree screen at an eye-watering £11,500. A three million pixel screen and fully adjustable seat sensitive to road feel complete with driving wheel and pedals, all of which can be plugged into a Windows 7 PC, make this the ultimate racing sim... for the price of a car. Just won the lottery? How about the £40,000 pro version?

Anyone who has ever owned a flying toy will have been drooling with desire at the **Parrot AR Drone 2.0** which can be controlled via an Android phone or tablet.

Out in June, this highly manoeuvrerable four-propeller flying machine (a quadricopter that can flip over!) packs onboard cameras for high-definition aerial footage that can be beamed back to your phone instantly or uploaded onto YouTube. Those who couldn't afford the £279.99 price tag were later seen mooching around the Flying Gadgets stall where you could pick up a less hi-tech copter for around £20.

American rap star 50 Cent launches his new headphones range at the Gadget Show Live 2012 in Birmingham

I remain very sceptical about the **Solowheel** as the future of personal transport but this is certainly the smallest most portable transportation device being no more than a chunky wheel containing an electric motor and a couple of footplates. It is basically a unicycle without a seat or the handle of its rival the Segway. It does have a gyroscope to make the device 'self-balancing', a range of 12 miles on a single charge and a top speed of 12 mph.

The makers say the riding technique can be mastered in half an hour. At £1,189 a pop for the Solowheel, I reckon it has got some way to go before they become a familiar sight. And you can't customise it like a scooter.

Solowheel also had some competition from motorised skates **SpnKiX**, from California, which fit over your shoes and can propel you to speeds of six to ten mph. They are currently available in the US for around £400.

Sound

New York rapper and business mogul **50 Cent** (AKA Curtis Jackson) is expanding his empire into high-end audio by launching his own range of headphones, which he personally introduced at the Gadget Show Live's media and trade day. He has teamed up with SMS Audio to take on his LA rival Dr Dre whose Beats branded phones are bestsellers.

50 Cent stressed his input testing the phones in development and answered some technical questions from the audience, lest we think he was just putting his name to the product.

He explained that after putting effort in at the studio to perfect his music, he wanted fans to experience the best possible sound reproduction.

Also a campaigner against world hunger, 50 Cent said he would be encouraging distributors of his phones to contribute to his charitable ventures via his brand of "conscious capitalism". The rap star added: "I grew up without money but I didn't grow up hungry."

His range of three professionally tuned high-end pairs of cans include the £99 Street by 50 earbuds, £199 Street by 50 over-ear headphones to £299 top-of-the-range wireless Sync by 50 which can sync up to four users from one source. Both of the over-ear sets of phones have a 40mm driver.

When someone suggested these were pricey, 50 Cent said people "equate expense with quality." Though an SMS Audio spokesperson was quick to add that a lower priced addition to the range was on the way.

Other highlights of the show included:

BubblePix Bubblescope: a clip-on accessory for your smartphone which captures 360 degree video and stills from your phone camera.

The price of £65 includes the Bubblescope, a case to line up phone camera and scope, and software to convert the images.

It will be available for Apple iPhone 4 and 4S this summer and later for other smartphones.

Dube: former Manchester United, Coventry and Villa footballer Dion Dublin has developed a new musical instrument, a kind of cube drum (basically a microphone in a box) which makes different percussive sounds depending on which side is hit.

Dion has already played the Dube alongside Ocean Colour Scene and it was used by jazz musician Courtney Pine on his album Europa.

The Dube starts at around £150 going up to around £400 depending on size.

NeuroSky: Brainwave sensors enable people to control computers and other devices with their mind. This most magical of technologies – simulated telekinesis! – is in its infancy and the stand demonstrated rather trivial uses, including the Mindflex ball levitating game developed with Mattel and Nange Magro's extraordinary and rather kinky looking Mechapolypyse mind-controlled dress.

However, the potential future applications of reliable, accurate mind control are revolutionary, perhaps beginning with the disabled but then transforming life as we know it.

Apple iPad: tablets remain the most desirable piece of kit and the top tablet is the latest Apple iPad but it does face competition, not only from Android tablets but from the latest wave of ultrabooks (thin and lightweight laptops).

Powerful

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Proud Poppy prize

Hayley Woodley with daughter, Poppy, four, deputy general manager Shaun Howe, and mascot Wesley

WHEN her four-year-old daughter Poppy entered a drawing contest, Oldbury mother Hayley Woodley had no idea it would lead to her being crowned Mum of the Year.

But the 37-year old, of Mallard Drive, was awarded the title by staff at her local Wacky Warehouse at the One and Two Halves pub in Joseph Street, Oldbury. Poppy entered the competition, which challenged children to draw a picture of their mother and describe why she was the best.

Mrs Woodley, who works as a part time purchase manager at an Oldbury engineering company, was given a chocolate hamper, a bottle of wine and a bouquet of flowers while Poppy got a Dora the Explorer balloon.

Sweet request to aid tree

VISITORS to a Smethwick woods are being asked to donate a bag of sugar to help feed an old beech tree. On Sunday, volunteers will be feeding a sugar solution to the tree at Warley Woods to try and give it a new lease of life. Those interested in helping to preserve the tree are asked to leave a bag of sugar at the shop or office at the pavilion on Lightwoods Hill before Sunday.

Ban handed to owner as two dogs are left to suffer

A MOTHER OF THREE who kept her two dogs under-fed and in squalid conditions has been given 200 hours of unpaid work and disqualified from keeping dogs for five years.

By Alex Homer

Natalie Amanda Poole, of Dudley Road West, Tividale, allowed her two cross breed bitches to become emaciated and kept them in a garden spotted with dog mess.

She pleaded guilty at an earlier hearing to six counts of causing unnecessary suffering by failing to supply them with a suitable diet and failing to supply an animal in her care with a suitable environment between September 9 and October 7, 2011.

Mrs Gaynor Sutton, prosecuting on behalf of the RSPCA, told Sandwell Magistrates Court the charity was alerted to the problem at Poole's former address on Cornwall Road, Oldbury via an anonymous phone call.

Mrs Sutton said: "Vets saw photos of the dogs during the visit and said there was a chronic lack of adequate nutrition over a long period of time."

She told the court after being taken in by the RSPCA and being given a balanced diet over a month, the larger of her two dogs increased her body weight by 49 per cent. The other's body weight increased 45 per cent in the same time.

Mr Roy Patterson, defending, said at the time of the RSPCA's visit, Poole, aged 30, had been struggling to cope with the breakdown of her marriage, looking after her children, and the dogs, which had belonged to her former husband.

Poole said in interview that one of her children, had pulled a plastic sheet off the dog's shelter.

He added: "She was depressed. She needed help but she did not ask for it and things got out of control."

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There's hope for the silent sufferers

It's hard to imagine after losing natural teeth things could ever be quite the same again.

Denture wearers for too long have often tolerated a catalogue of unresolved problems from poor stabilisation, where prosthetics move on the gums, to an inability to eat a healthy diet.

Added to the physical challenges are the carefully hidden embarrassing moments and the restrictions of being able to live life impulsively. These issues are further compounded for some by an emotionally corrosive inability to smile feely.

Denturist Steven Burchell DipCDT RCS (Eng), who heads the team at the Denture Clinic in North Street, Dudley, says: "For some, losing teeth is life changing and not for the better."

But he is keen to send out a message of hope to the silent sufferers with four major treatment models now available at his clinic aimed at reversing "an untold catalogue of misfortunes" and restoring a warm and engaging smile.

Added to the comprehensive clinical toolbox of solutions – which includes traditional dentures; a cleverly designed suction denture which is held in place by tiny diaphragms creating a vacuum between the gums and teeth; and implant retained dentures – is a system known as All-on-4.

In this feature we take a snapshot of each procedure and in accessible language explain the clinical options available from Mr Burchell and his team.

Transformations

And coming soon, the clever teeth you don't have to take out to clean . . .

REMOVABLE DENTURES

ARE they real, or are they false? With cutting-edge technology it's hard to know the difference between natural teeth and clever dentures.

Clinic principal Steve Burchell, whose work has attracted interest from as far as away as Spain, the Isle of Skye, Eastbourne and North Wales, is driving hard a message of hope, which is helping to change the image of false teeth and the people who wear them.

Mr Burchell DipCDT RCS(Eng), says: "It's my experience that there are too many people putting up with ill-fitting dentures. With lips that are pinched, lower dentures with excessive mobility allowing food ingression between the plate and the gums, sore spots and teeth that do not function well, it's no wonder so many wearers feel at a loss in their search for solutions to their problems.

But the clinician, who has earned a country-wide reputation as a 'smile mechanic', is buoyant about the future for solutions with dentures.

He passionately embraces what her calls "the denture revolution" offering traditional denture wearers precise fittings with the latest injection moulding techniques and natural-looking teeth that are functional too.

"We desperately want people to know there is a solution for most problems. The clinic has a vast wealth of experience to draw upon and we promise to give as much time as people need to resolve issues with the best clinical outcomes," Mr Burchell adds.

IMPLANT RETAINED

A GROWING number of satisfied patients have found a renewed confidence by ditching their traditional dentures for implant retained dentures.

The procedure that became an established form of dentistry in the United States in recent years can now be carried out with the Denture Clinic – and the transition can mean new teeth, which can function just as if they were your own.

Fixed with small titanium screw-like mechanisms that are set, and eventually fused into the bone, they act an effective substitute for the roots of your missing teeth.

Implantologist, Mr Jon Pugh BDS MSc, with whom the clinic has a long-established working relationship, undertakes all the surgical procedures.

Research reveals that as little as two dental implants in the lower jaw will significantly stabilise the prosthetic. A similar procedure can secure the upper teeth, normally with four implant fixings.

The dentures can be snapped on and off their fixings by the patient and provide a guaranteed solution for stabilisation problems.

Advantages include a harmonious fit with gums, the possibility of improved speech and taste, natural chewing function and bite, no more tilting and the end of pressure spot discomfort, restored chewing ability, improved diet, the end of further jaw bone erosion and the smile of your dreams.

ALL-ON-4

A treatment pioneered in Portugal that offers denture wearers teeth that never have to be taken out for cleaning is arriving at the clinic in the New Year. Known as All-on-4, the system embraces implant technology with just four securing post supporting a titanium framework of teeth.

ULTRA SUCTION

The Ultra Suction system is suitable for both upper and lower prosthetics

Suction offers a new solution

A cutting-edge development to help resolve the stability problems faced by thousands of denture wearers is being offered at the Denture Clinic.

The invention has the potential to improve the life quality of patients who have previously experienced long-term problems with ill-fitting dentures.

Prosthetics are held in place by tiny valve-operated suction devices which are built into the dentures.

A clever diaphragms principle, triggered by the bite pressure on patients' gums, creates a 'sucking' vacuum between the soft-tissue mouth lining and the prosthetic.

Expectations

Mr Burchell, whose clinic attracts patients from as far as Spain, the Isle of Skye and the Isle of Anglesey, adds: "The denture revolution is evolving at a pace. In recent times we have seen what I can only describe as strident steps forward with implant-retained dentures coming into main-stream dentistry, clever technology which allows excellent fitting outcomes and now the Ultra Suction product.

"Implant dentistry is not suitable for everyone, neither is it all patients' first preference. The beauty of this technology from New Zealand is that it offers excellent denture retainer qualities without surgery.

"We have always endeavoured to be on the very cusp of clinical development and this is another tool in our commitment to always try to deliver results which are greater than patient expectations," adds Mr Burchell.

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BRITAIN'S GOT TALENT

ITV1, 8.30pm

There have been plenty of deluded wannabes this year, and some genuinely talented acts. Ok, Mr Zip's rap Where Me Keys? Where Me Phone? is catchy, but, occasionally there are acts who take your breath away. Few could forget teenager Ashleigh and her lovable dog Pudsey, while Irish singer Ryan's song No Name was TV gold. Who will go through this week? Well that remains to be seen, but you can bet that David Walliams will be winding Simon Cowell up a treat, while Amanda Holden and Alesha Dixon add lashings of glamour to the proceedings. As ever, Ant and Dec host.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** The Little Paris Kitchen: Cooking with Rachel Khoo. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** British Olympic Dreams. **1.30** Live Snooker: The World Championship. Coverage of the first round at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield. **4.30** Final Score. **5.20** Formula 1: Bahrain Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights.

6.40 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
7.00 The Voice UK. Holly Willoughby and Reggie Yates host the first of two shows this weekend in which the coaches whittle down their acts by pitting them against each other in battle performances.
8.30 The National Lottery: In It to Win It. Dale Winton hosts the quiz show in which five contestants answer questions to scoop a big prize. Presented by OJ Borg.
9.20 Casualty. The pressure of the looming GMC hearing begins to take its toll on Sam, while Scarlett refuses to talk to Lloyd about their burgeoning relationship, and Lenny tries to kiss Linda.
10.10 BBC News; Weather.
10.30 Match of the Day. Including highlights of Arsenal v Chelsea; National Lottery Update.
11.50 The Football League Show. Highlights of today's games in the Championship, League One and League Two.

1.10 Weatherview. **1.15** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.05** Escape to the Country. **12.35** Film: Advise & Consent. (1962) Political drama, starring Henry Fonda. **2.50** Film: The Cheyenne Social Club. (1970) Comedy Western, starring James Stewart. **4.30** Live Snooker: The World Championship. Further coverage of the first round from Sheffield. **5.30** Flog It!

6.30 Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em. Frank is introduced to the idea of fatherhood. (R)
7.00 The Good Life. Tom hurts his back. (R)
7.30 Dad's Army. Jones finds himself cast adrift. (R)
8.00 TV 1973 – The Defining Shows. Mark Lawson examines the rise of television in 1973 and considers five of the most popular programmes of the year, including The Generation Game, That's Life! and The Onedin Line. (R)
9.00 I Love 1971. A nostalgic look back at 1970s kitsch culture, focusing on 1971, the year of the Space Hopper, the Banana Splits and Middle of the Road's Chirpy, Chirpy, Cheep, Cheep. (R)
9.55 FILM: One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest. (1975) A convict gets sent to a psychiatric hospital, where he encourages the patients to rebel against the tyrannical head nurse. Drama, starring Jack Nicholson and Louise Fletcher.

12.05 Snooker: The World Championship. **12.55** Snooker Extra. **2.55** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** Saturday Cookbook. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.20** The Real Housewives of New York City. **12.15** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **1.20** ITV News; Weather. **1.25** Film: Free Willy. (1993) Family drama, starring Jason James Richter. **3.35** The Planet's Funniest Animals. (R) **3.50** Film: The Mirror Crack'd. (1980) Miss Marple mystery, starring Angela Lansbury. **5.50** Regional News; Weather.

6.00 ITV News; Weather.
6.15 Keith Lemon's LemonAid. With Emma Bunton and Tinchy Stryder.
7.00 All New You've Been Framed! A comical barbecue scene.
7.30 The Cube. A flight attendant and a sports fan take part. Phillip Schofield hosts.
8.30 Britain's Got Talent. Simon Cowell, David Walliams, Amanda Holden and Alesha Dixon search for the nation's most impressive performers, sending through only the very best, while buzzing off the rest.
9.45 Benidorm. Festive episode from Boxing Day 2010, guest starring Su Pollard, Louie Spence and Brian Murphy. (R)
10.45 ITV News; Weather.
11.00 FILM: The Last Boy Scout. (1991) Action thriller, starring Bruce Willis.

12.55 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **3.00** In Plain Sight. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** The Grid. **7.25** British GT. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** The TV Book Club. **9.25** T4: Koko Pop. **10.00** T4: Made in Chelsea. **11.05** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.40** T4: The Big Bang Theory: Access All Areas. **12.15** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **12.50** Deal or No Deal. **1.50** Channel 4 Racing. **4.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.30** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.30** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.00 Channel 4 News.
6.15 4thought.tv. Chris Beverland reflects on the use of the Bible as a moral guide.
6.20 FILM: The Italian Job. (1969) A crook puts together a plan to steal £4million in gold and make a quick getaway from central Turin in a fleet of Minis. Crime comedy, starring Michael Caine.
8.10 Elizabeth Taylor: Auction of a Lifetime. An exploration of the actress's life through some of her most treasured possessions as they are sold at auction in London and New York. (R)
9.45 The Million Pound Drop Live. Actor Chris O'Dowd and his TV presenter fiancee Dawn Porter compete. Last in the series.
11.20 FILM: Top Gun. (1986) Adventure, with Tom Cruise.

1.25 Film: Flight of the Phoenix. (2004) Adventure, starring Dennis Quaid. **3.15** Night Walking. (R) **3.20** Franklin & Bash. **4.00** St Elsewhere. (R) **4.50** Privileged. (R) **5.30** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Inside Hollywood. **10.10** The Restaurant Inspector. (R) **11.10** Rory McGrath's Pub Dig. (R) **12.10** Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers. (R) **1.10** Film: Trapeze. (1956) Circus drama, starring Burt Lancaster. **3.15** Film: The Vikings. (1958) Historical adventure, starring Kirk Douglas and Tony Curtis. **5.30** Film: Beetlejuice. (1988) Tim Burton's supernatural comedy, starring Michael Keaton.

7.15 5 News Weekend.
7.20 NCIS. Ducky makes a discovery during an autopsy on a woman who was beaten to death that prompts the agents to search for a missing infant. (R)
8.10 NCIS. The team investigates the murder of a marine during a cruise and discovers the victim had turned his back on a life of privilege to join the military. (R)
9.10 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. The team investigates the murder of a motorcycle gang member in a biker bar – but the case is complicated by the discovery that the victim was actually an undercover policeman.
10.10 CSI: NY. The team investigates two deaths linked by unusual chewing gum.
11.05 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. A woman claims to be a family's missing daughter.

12.00 SuperCasino. **4.00** Great Artists. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Hana's Helpline. (R)

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ITV2
3.55 All Star Family Fortunes **4.40** New You've Been Framed Top 100 Kids! **5.40** Film: Jurassic Park III (2001) **7.25** The Zoo **8.25** Super Tiny Animals **9.30** The Planet's Funniest Animals **9.45** Britain's Got More Talent **10.45** Celebrity Juice **11.30** Keith Lemon's LemonAid

ITV3
2.50 Hornblower **4.55** A Touch of Frost **7.00** Agatha Christie's Poirot **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Foyle's War **11.00** Agatha Christie's Poirot

ITV4
11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Chennai Super Kings v Rajasthan Royals and Delhi DareDevils v Pune Warriors. **8.00** British Superbike Championship Highlights **9.00** British Touring Car Championship Highlights **10.30** Film: Kull the Conqueror (1997)

BBC THREE
7.00 Doctor Who **7.45** Doctor Who Confidential **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **9.45** Film: Kidulthood (2005) **11.15** Family Guy

BBC FOUR
7.00 South Pacific **8.00** City Beneath the Waves: Pavlopetri **9.00** The Bridge **11.00** Parkinson: The Interviews – David Niven **11.40** Top of the Pops: 1977

E4
2.05 Hollyoaks **4.35** Made in Chelsea **5.40** The Big Bang Theory **7.35** Rules of Engagement **8.30** Happy Endings **9.00** Film: Transporter 2 (2005) **10.45** The Big Bang Theory **11.40** The Cleveland Show

FILM4
3.00 A Matter of Life and Death (1946) **5.05** Ponyo (2008) **7.10** Crocodile Dundee (1986) . Comedy adventure, written by and starring Paul Hogan, with Linda Kozlowski, John Meillon and Mark Blum. **9.00** Das Boot: The Director's Cut (1981). Extended cut of the Second World War drama, with Jurgen Prochnow and Herbert Gronemeyer.

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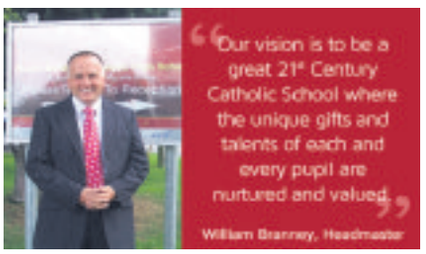

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Channel 5, 9pm

Since Lost finished, fans have been waiting for its successor, but all have come up short. Once Upon a Time has potential though, giving popular fairytales a modern twist, as well-known characters find themselves living in a New England town called Storybrooke due to the Dark Curse hanging over them all. This week, in fairytale land, Rumpelstiltskin (Robert Carlyle) persuades Cinderella (Jessy Schram) to sign a contract that she later realises means she has signed away the rights to her firstborn child. Meanwhile, in Storybrooke, Emma Swan (Jennifer Morrison) helps a young woman called Ashley with an uncanny likeness to Cinderella.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **8.30** Athletics: The London Marathon. Live coverage of the 32nd staging of the annual event. **2.00** Sunday Politics; Weather for the Week Ahead. **3.05** Human Planet. (R) **4.05** Lifeline. **4.15** Songs of Praise. **5.00** Formula 1: Bahrain Grand Prix Highlights.

6.20 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
6.45 Countryfile. Ellie Harrison visits the village of Botley, Hampshire. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
7.30 The Voice UK. Holly Willoughby and Reggie Yates host as the battle rounds come to an end, the original 40 acts are whittled down to 20 and the line-up for next week's first live show is decided.
9.00 Silent Witness. Part one of two. There is little sympathy when a killer dies in his cell, but Leo's encounter with a dying ex-prison inspector compels him to investigate the notorious Redhill jail.
10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
10.25 Have I Got a Bit More News for You. With guest host Jo Brand.
11.10 Room 101 – Extra Storage. Extended version of the comedy panel show.
11.50 FILM: The Love Letter. (1999) Comedy drama based on the novel by Cathleen Schine, starring Kate Capshaw.

1.15 Weatherview. **1.20** Sign Zone: Empire. (R) **2.20** Holby City. (R) **3.20** Antiques Road Trip. (R) **4.05** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** Natural World – The Chimpcam Project. (R) **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Great British Menu. (R) **12.00** Regional Programmes. **1.00** Escape to the Country. **2.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. The latest first-round matches at the Crucible Theatre. **5.00** London Marathon 2012 Highlights.

6.00 The Hairy Bikers' Bakeation. Si King and Dave Myers go baking in Italy. (R)
7.00 Frank Wild: Antarctica's Forgotten Hero. A profile of polar explorer Ernest Shackleton's second-in-command.
8.00 Indian Ocean with Simon Reeve. New series. The broadcaster travels around the coast of the Indian Ocean.
9.00 Ewan McGregor: Cold Chain Mission. Part one of two. Ewan McGregor uses a network of freezers, called cold chains, to preserve vaccines as he delivers them to the world's most remote regions.
10.00 Match of the Day 2. Including highlights of Manchester United v Everton.
11.10 Twenty Twelve. The team organises a sexual health campaign. Last in the series. (R)
11.40 Grandma's House. Six months after Grandpa's death, Simon's prospects look bleak. (R)

12.10 Snooker: The World Championship. **1.00** Formula 1: Bahrain Grand Prix Highlights. (R) **2.20** Snooker Extra.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** Dinner Date. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Ade in Britain. (R) **10.25** There's No Taste Like Home. (R) **11.30** Long Lost Family. (R) **12.30** ITV News; Weather. **12.35** Britain's Got Talent. (R) **1.50** The Planet's Funniest Animals. (R) **2.10** The Planet's Funniest Animals. (R) **2.35** Film: Columbo: Ashes to Ashes. (1998) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk and Patrick McGoohan. **4.30** The Betty Driver Story. (R) **5.30** You've Been Framed! (R)

6.00 Harry Hill's the Best of TV Burp. (R)
6.30 Regional News; Weather.
6.45 ITV News; Weather.
7.00 All Star Family Fortunes. Emmerdale star Dominic Brunt (Paddy Kirk) and TV presenter Jenny Frost team up with their relatives in a bid to win a large cash prize for charity.
8.00 Vera. New series. Return of the crime drama, starring Brenda Blethyn. The detective investigates a petrol-bomb attack on an ex-colleague and his daughter.
10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.
10.15 Perspectives: David Walliams: The Genius of Dahl. The Britain's Got Talent judge profiles children's author Roald Dahl.
11.15 Premiership Rugby Union. Including highlights of Harlequins v Leicester Tigers.

12.05 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **3.00** British Superbike Championship Highlights. **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

Channel 4

6.15 The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.10** Road to London 2012: That Paralympic Show. (R) **7.35** Sailing: America's Cup Uncovered. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.25** Frasier. (R) **10.00** Sunday Brunch. **12.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.25** The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** The Simpsons. (R) **2.25** Film: Jungle 2 Jungle. (1997) Comedy, starring Tim Allen. **4.25** Film: Coraline. (2009) Premiere. Stop-motion animated fantasy, with the voice of Dakota Fanning.

6.25 Celebrity Deal or No Deal. Olly Murs takes part.
7.20 Channel 4 News.
7.50 4thought.tv.
7.55 Secrets of the Saxon Gold: A Time Team Special. An investigation of the Anglo-Saxon treasure hoard discovered in Staffordshire in 2009, and what analysis of the artefacts has revealed about Britain's Dark Ages.
9.00 Homeland. Brody is officially approached about running for office, while Carrie and Saul identify Walker's contact. Drama, starring Damian Lewis and Claire Danes.
10.00 FILM: East Is East. (1999) Comedy drama, starring Om Puri.
11.55 FILM: Dabangg. (2010) Premiere. Musical crime drama, starring Salman Khan.

2.10 Facejacker. (R) **2.35** Hit the Road Jack. (R) **3.20** Hollyoaks. (R) **5.30** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** City of Friends. (R) **6.35** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Igam Ogam. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Family! (R) **7.35** Mio Mao. (R) **7.40** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.50** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **8.00** Little Princess. (R) **8.15** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.30** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.40** Rupert Bear. (R) **8.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.20** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.35** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **10.00** Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) **10.10** Grey's Anatomy. (R) **11.05** Robson's Extreme Fishing Challenge. (R) **12.05** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.05** Cowboy Traders. (R) **2.05** Film: Corrina, Corrina. (1994) Family drama set in the 1950s, starring Whoopi Goldberg. **4.20** Film: The Water Horse: Legend of the Deep. (2007) Premiere. Children's fantasy adventure, starring Alex Etel.

6.25 5 News Weekend.
6.30 FILM: The Magnificent Seven. (1960) Western, starring Yul Brynner.
9.00 Once Upon a Time. Cinderella regrets making a deal with Rumpelstiltskin.
10.00 FILM: A Perfect Murder. (1998) Thriller remake, starring Michael Douglas.

12.10 10 Things I Hate About. (R) **1.10** SuperCasino. **4.00** UEFA Europa League Highlights. **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. **5.45** Hana's Helpline. (R)

Digital

ITV2
4.35 Britain's Got Talent **5.50** Britain's Got More Talent **6.50** Film: Back to the Future Part II (1989) **9.00** Benidorm **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.45** Olly: Life on Murs **11.45** Film: Bridget Jones's Diary (2001)

ITV3
3.55 Agatha Christie's Marple **6.00** Film: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (1971) **8.00** The Nation's Favourite Abba Song **9.30** Another Audience with Freddie Starr **10.30** Cracker **11.35** Agatha Christie's Marple

ITV4
11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Mumbai Indians v Kings XI Punjab and Deccan Chargers v Kolkata Knight Riders. **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** Film: Fire Down Below (1997) **11.10** Film: Day of the Dead (2008)

BBC THREE
7.00 Great Movie Mistakes 2011: Not in 3D **7.15** Film: Father of the Bride Part II (1995) **9.00** Don't Tell the Bride USA **9.50** Don't Tell the Bride: Greatest Moments **10.00** Family Guy **11.05** American Dad! **11.50** Russell Howard's Good News

BBC FOUR
7.00 Frank Skinner on George Formby **8.00** Skippy: Australia's First Superstar **9.00** Film: Rabbit-Proof Fence (2002) **10.25** Mark Lawson Talks to Felicity Kendal **11.25** Kathleen Ferrier: An Ordinary Diva

E4
3.05 Ugly Betty **4.00** Glee **5.00** 90210 **5.55** The Big Bang Theory **6.55** Film: Edward Scissorhands (1990) **9.00** Desperate Housewives **11.00** Made in Chelsea

FILM4
3.10 The Belles of St Trinian's (1954) **5.00** Planet of the Apes (1968) **7.15** Post Grad (2009) **9.00** 10 Things I Hate About You (1999). Comedy, with Heath Ledger. **10.55** Crossing Over (2008). Drama, starring Harrison Ford.

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Monday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Heir Hunters. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Don't Get Done, Get Dom. **11.45** Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Pointless. (R) **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** Bang Goes the Theory; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** EastEnders. **8.30** Undercover: Elderly Care – Panorama. **9.00** Silent Witness. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** A Question of Sport. **11.05** Late Kick Off. **11.35** The Graham Norton Show. (R) **12.20** Weatherview. **12.25** Sign Zone: Our Food. (R) **1.25** Toughest Place to Be a Bin Man. (R) **2.25** Rights Gone Wrong? (R) **3.25** Antiques Road Trip. (R) **4.10** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.30** BBC World News. **12.00** Daily Politics. **1.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. First-round coverage from the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield. **5.15** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Antiques Road Trip. **7.30** Great British Menu. **8.00** Chaplains: Angels of Mersey. **8.30** The Little Paris Kitchen: Cooking with Rachel Khoo. **9.00** The 70s. **10.00** Sounds of the 70s 2: Reggae – Stir it Up. **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Snooker: The World Championship. **12.10** Snooker Extra. **2.10** BBC News. **3.15** The Super League Show. **4.00** BBC Learning Zone. (R)

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** 60 Minute Makeover. **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Rosemary & Thyme. (R) **5.00** The Chase. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Coronation Street. **8.00** The Dales. **8.30** Coronation Street. **9.00** Scott & Bailey. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** The Agenda. **11.05** The Mighty Mississippi with Trevor McDonald. (R) **12.05** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.35** Champions League Weekly. **3.05** ITV Nightscreen. **4.35** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Freshly Squeezed. **7.30** According to Jim. **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** The Secret Millionaire USA. (R) **10.00** Location, Location, Location. (R) **11.00** Secret Location. (R) **12.00** Channel 4 News Midday Summary. **12.05** River Cottage Veg Heroes. **12.35** Glamour Puds. (R) **1.05** Channel 4 Presents – Joe Bestwick 2012. (R) **1.10** Film: The African Queen. (1951) Romantic adventure, starring Humphrey Bogart and Katharine Hepburn. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Jungle Special: Inside Nature's Giants. **9.00** Embarrassing Bodies. **10.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. **11.00** Homeland. (R) **12.05** Random Acts. **12.10** Film: Enthiran. (2010) Premiere. Sci-fi comedy adventure, with Rajnikanth. **3.15** Abductees. (R) **3.30** The Merits of Ferrets. (R) **3.55** St Elsewhere. (R) **4.45** Smallville. (R) **5.25** Privileged. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** LIVE with. **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** The Restaurant Inspector. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** The Mentalist. (R) **3.15** Film: Recipe for Murder. (2002) Premiere. Mystery, starring Gary Basaraba. **5.00** 5 News at 5. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.30** 5 News at 6.30. **7.00** Cowboy Traders; (R) 5 News Update. **8.00** The Gadget Show: World Tour; 5 News at 9. **9.00** Robson's Extreme Fishing Challenge. **10.00** 10 Things I Hate About 1990. **11.00** Film: National Security. (2003) Action comedy, starring Martin Lawrence and Steve Zahn. **12.40** Comedy Kings: Best of Just for Laughs. **1.10** SuperCasino. **4.05** Rough Guide to Beaches. (R) **4.20** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) **5.10** Great Artists. (R)

Tuesday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Heir Hunters. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Don't Get Done, Get Dom. **11.45** Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Pointless. (R) **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** Holby City. **9.00** The Syndicate. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather.; National Lottery Update. **10.35** The Matt Lucas Awards. **11.10** Kevin Bridges: What's the Story? (R) **11.40** The Estate. **12.10** Film: Below. (2002) **1.50** Weatherview. **1.55** Sign Zone: The Apprentice. (R) **2.55** Horizon: Solar Storms – The Threat to Planet Earth. (R) **3.55** Britain's First Photo Album. (R) **4.25** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.30** BBC World News. **12.00** Daily Politics. **1.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. **5.15** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Antiques Road Trip. **7.30** Great British Menu. **8.00** The Hairy Bikers' Bakeation. **9.00** Meet the Romans with Mary Beard. **10.00** Later Live – with Jools Holland. **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Snooker: The World Championship. **12.10** Snooker Extra. **2.10** BBC News. **4.00** BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** 60 Minute Makeover. **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Rosemary & Thyme. (R) **5.00** The Chase. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.25** Party Election Broadcast. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Countrywise Kitchen. **8.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Celebrity. (R) **9.00** The Mighty Mississippi with Trevor McDonald. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** The Battle for London – The Mayoral Debate. **11.45** The Unforgettable Terry Scott. (R) **12.10** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **3.00** Crossing Jordan. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.10** Sali Mali. (R) **6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Freshly Squeezed. **7.35** According to Jim. **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.35** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Secret Millionaire Australia. (R) **10.00** Location, Location, Location. (R) **11.00** Secret Location. (R) **12.00** Channel 4 News Midday Summary. **12.05** River Cottage Veg Heroes. **12.35** Glamour Puds. (R) **1.10** Quick Bakes with Eric Lanlard. (R) **1.20** Film: The Admirable Crichton. (1957) Comedy, starring Kenneth More. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Supersize vs Superskinny. **9.00** Hidden Talent. **10.00** Facejacker. **10.30** Hit the Road Jack. **11.05** Random Acts. **11.10** Desperate Housewives. **12.10** Poker. **1.10** KOTV Boxing Weekly. **1.35** Sailing: America's Cup Uncovered. **2.05** FIM World Superbikes. **2.30** Channel 4 Presents – Jonnie Peacock "Speed". (R) **2.35** British GT. (R) **3.05** The Grid. (R) **3.30** Channel 4 Presents – Lee Pearson "The Colour Gold". (R) **3.35** Freesports on 4. (R) **4.05** Brief Encounters of the Sporting Mind: Body Building. (R) **4.10** Road to London 2012: Paralympics Extra. A preview of this summer's Games. (R) **5.05** Channel 4 Presents – Liz Johnson "Into the Blue". (R) **5.10** Full Metal Challenge. (R)

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Wednesday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Heir Hunters. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Don't Get Done, Get Dom. **11.45** Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Pointless. (R) **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **6.55** Party Election Broadcast. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** Rip Off Britain; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** Waterloo Road. **9.00** The Apprentice. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** The National Lottery Wednesday Night Draws. **10.45** Rowing the Arctic; National Lottery Update. **11.45** The Syndicate. (R) **12.45** Weatherview. **12.50** Sign Zone: See Hear. (R) **1.20** Watchdog. (R) **2.20** Antiques Road Trip. (R) **3.05** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.30** Daily Politics. **1.00** See Hear. **1.30** Lifeline. (R) **1.40** Live Snooker: The World Championship. The latest first-round matches at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield. **5.15** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Antiques Road Trip. **7.30** Great British Menu. **8.00** Our Food. **9.00** Divine Women. **10.00** The Apprentice: You're Fired. **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Snooker: The World Championship. **12.10** Snooker Extra. **2.10** BBC News. **3.05** Close. **4.00** BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** 60 Minute Makeover. **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Rosemary & Thyme. (R) **5.00** The Chase. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.25** Party Election Broadcast. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Live UEFA Champions League. Real Madrid v Bayern Munich (Kick-off 7.45pm). **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** UEFA Champions League: Extra Time. **11.35** Total Emergency. (R) **12.30** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.35** Film: The Pelican Brief. (1993) Legal thriller, starring Julia Roberts. **4.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.10** Sali Mali. (R) **6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Freshly Squeezed. **7.35** According to Jim. **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Secret Millionaire Australia. (R) **10.00** Location, Location, Location. (R) **11.00** Secret Location. (R) **12.00** Channel 4 News Midday Summary. **12.05** River Cottage Veg Heroes. **12.35** Glamour Puds. (R) **1.10** Quick Bakes with Eric Lanlard. (R) **1.20** Film: Town on Trial. (1957) Murder mystery, starring John Mills. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Four Rooms. **9.00** Queen Victoria's Last Love. **10.00** Turtle Boy: A BodyShock Special. **11.05** 2 Broke Girls. **11.35** The Inbetweeners. (R) **12.05** Random Acts. **12.10** Music on 4: Mercury Prize Sessions. **12.30** Music on 4: Chase and Status: Live at Brixton Academy. **1.00** Music on 4: Spotlight: Urban. **1.15** Music on 4: EJ: Intro. **1.30** Music on 4: Launched at Red Bull Studios. (R) **1.40** Music on 4: 4Play: Twin Atlantic. **1.50** Music on 4: Live from Abbey Road. (R) **2.35** Film: Garden State. (2004) **4.20** One Minute Past Midnight. (R) **4.30** St Elsewhere. (R) **5.20** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** LIVE with. **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** The Restaurant Inspector. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) **3.15** Film: Love Begins. (2011) Premiere. Drama prequel, starring Wes Brown. **5.00** 5 News at 5. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.30** 5 News at 6.30. **7.00** The Gadget Show: World Tour; (R) 5 News Update. **8.00** Cowboy Traders; 5 News at 9. **9.00** NCIS. **10.00** Law & Order: Criminal Intent. **11.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. (R) **11.55** Poker: The Big Game. **12.55** SuperCasino. **4.05** Rough Guide to Eco Escapes. (R) **4.20** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) **5.10** Great Artists. (R)

Thursday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Heir Hunters. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Don't Get Done, Get Dom. **11.45** Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Pointless. (R) **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **6.55** Party Election Broadcast. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** Watchdog. **9.00** New Tricks. (R) **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Question Time. **11.35** This Week. **12.20** Holiday Weatherview. **12.25** Sign Zone: Undercover: Elderly Care – Panorama. (R) **12.55** The Falklands Legacy with Max Hastings. (R) **1.55** Antiques Roadshow. (R) **2.40** Britain's First Photo Album. (R) **3.10** Countryfile. (R) **3.55** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.30** BBC World News. **12.00** Daily Politics. **1.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. Coverage of Ali Carter's first-round match. **5.15** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Antiques Road Trip. **7.30** Great British Menu. **8.00** Two Greedy Italians: Still Hungry. **9.00** Louis Theroux: Extreme Love – Dementia. **10.00** Grandma's House. **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Snooker: The World Championship. **12.10** Snooker Extra. **2.10** BBC News. **4.00** BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** 60 Minute Makeover. **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Rosemary & Thyme. (R) **5.00** The Chase. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.25** Party Election Broadcast. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Is Britain Running Dry?: Tonight. **8.00** Emmerdale. **8.30** Coronation Street. **9.00** Long Lost Family. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Frank Bruno. (R) **11.35** The Cube. (R) **12.35** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.35** Is Britain Running Dry?: Tonight. (R) **3.00** ITV Nightscreen. **4.35** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.05** The Treacle People. (R) **6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Freshly Squeezed. **7.35** According to Jim. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** The Secret Millionaire USA. (R) **10.00** Location, Location, Location. (R) **11.00** Secret Location. (R) **12.00** Channel 4 News Summary. **12.05** River Cottage Veg Heroes. **12.35** Glamour Puds. **1.05** Film: Pony Express. (1953) Western, starring Charlton Heston and Forrest Tucker. **3.05** Channel 4 Presents – Nathan Stephens "The Sharp End". (R) **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Get Your House in Order. **9.00** The Plot to Bring Down Britain's Planes. A 2006 plot to detonate bombs on several US airliners departing from Heathrow. **10.30** Extreme A&E. **11.35** Random Acts. **11.40** Embarrassing Bodies. (R) **12.40** Hidden Talent. (R) **1.35** 9/11: The Lost Tapes. (R) **2.30** Unreported World. (R) **3.00** Double Lesson. (R) **3.25** The Secret Life of Buildings. (R) **4.20** My Eden. (R) **4.25** Time Team. (R) **5.20** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** LIVE with. **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** The Restaurant Inspector. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** CSI: NY. (R) **3.15** The Family Recipe. (R) **3.25** Film: Polar Storm. (2009) Premiere. Disaster thriller, starring Jack Coleman. **5.00** 5 News at 5. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.30** 5 News at 6.30. **6.55** Police Interceptors; (R) 5 News Update. **7.55** Live UEFA Europa League Football. Athletic Bilbao v Sporting Lisbon (Kick-off 8.05pm). **10.15** Film: Flight of Fury. (2007) Action thriller, starring Steven Seagal. **12.10** SuperCasino. **4.05** Rough Guide to Weekend Breaks. (R) **4.20** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) **5.10** Great Artists. (R)

Friday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Heir Hunters. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Don't Get Done, Get Dom. **11.45** Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Pointless. (R) **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **6.55** Party Election Broadcast. **7.00** The One Show; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** EastEnders. Bianca risks everything in a moment of madness. **8.30** Would I Lie to You? **9.00** Have I Got News for You. **9.30** Not Going Out. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** The Graham Norton Show. **11.20** The National Lottery Friday Night Draws. **11.30** The Matt Lucas Awards. (R) **12.05** EastEnders. **2.00** Weatherview. **2.05** Sign Zone: Titanic with Len Goodman. (R) **3.05** Question Time. (R) **4.05** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.30** BBC World News. **12.00** Daily Politics. **1.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. The second round at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield. **5.15** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Antiques Road Trip. **7.30** Great British Menu. **8.00** Mastermind. **8.30** Gardeners' World. **9.00** John Le Mesurier: It's All Been Rather Lovely. **10.00** QI. **10.30** Newsnight. **11.00** Weather. **11.05** Later with Jools Holland. **12.10** Snooker: The World Championship. **1.00** Snooker Extra. **3.00** BBC News. **4.05** Close.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** 60 Minute Makeover. **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Rosemary & Thyme. (R) **5.00** The Chase. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.25** Party Election Broadcast. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Coronation Street. **8.00** Poms in Paradise. **8.30** Coronation Street. **9.00** Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Carol Vorderman. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Film: American Pie. (1999) Coming-of-age comedy, with Jason Biggs. **12.20** The Store; ITV News Headlines. **2.35** Film: Lover Come Back. (1961) Romantic comedy, starring Doris Day and Rock Hudson. **4.20** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

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Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** LIVE with. **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Giant Animal Moves. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** NCIS. (R) **3.15** Inside Hollywood. **3.20** Film: Jane Doe: How to Fire Your Boss. (2007) Murder mystery, starring Lea Thompson. **5.00** 5 News at 5. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.30** 5 News at 6.30. **7.00** Robson's Extreme Fishing Challenge; (R) 5 News Update. **8.00** Dirty Great Machines; 5 News at 9. **9.00** The Mentalist. **10.00** Castle. **10.55** Law & Order: Criminal Intent. (R) **11.55** Inside Hollywood. **12.00** SuperCasino. **4.00** Motorsport Mundial. **4.25** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) **5.10** Great Artists. (R) **5.35** Wildlife SOS. (R)

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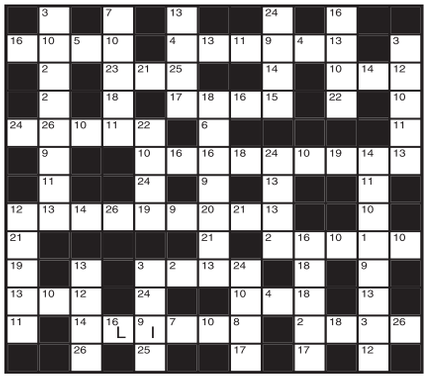

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. A hobby with positive results? (11)
9. There's anger in their expressions (3)
10. German apt to become a star (9)
11. Try to put it into writing (5)
13. Deep hatred for a soldier, we hear (7)
14. It shows a certain delicacy of feeling (6)
16. Most air services provide these flights (6)
18. He doesn't appreciate where the coal goes! (7)
19. An increase, not for the first time (5)
20. Temporary assistant would look odd if permanent! (5,4)
21. Assume he's from a university (3)
22. The arrogance which is taken for granted (11)

Down

2. He holds nothing, but a garden tool (3)
3. In Chianti psychiatrists may get slightly drunk (5)
4. People who obtain information with an effort (6)
5. Once more a good man is in opposition (7)
6. Instrument could produce a rich moan! (9)
7. They go to blazes (4,7)
8. Giving one time for transgression (11)
12. Killing a point with merriment (9)
15. A little credit obtains a vast selection of ties (7)
17. Still good advice to the excited (6)
19. Examination necessitating a lot of book-work (5)
21. A combination of variety (3)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Reproachful (11)
9. Gamble (3)
10. Specious (9)
11. Sticky (5)
13. Stretch (7)
14. Disorderly (6)
16. Recommend (6)
18. Interval of delay (4-3)
19. Combat (5)
20. Diversify (9)
21. Age (3)
22. Establishment (11)

Down

2. Place (3)
3. Response (5)
4. Impudent (6)
5. Tasteless (7)
6. Rigid (9)
7. Hindering (11)
8. Submissive (11)
12. Double boat (9)
15. Most obtuse (7)
17. Horrified (6)
19. Navy (5)
21. Self (3)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Sump; 3 Assemble; 9 Absolve; 10 Taunt; 11 Inconstantly; 13 Muffin; 15 Aspire; 17 Ten-gallon hat; 20 Model; 21 Sidecar; 22 Somewhat; 23 Espy. Down: 1 Stadiums; 2 Music; 4 Siesta; 5 Eat one's words; 6 Bouilli; 7 Eats; 8 Glancing blow; 12 Death ray; 14 Freedom; 16 Plasma; 18 Hacks; 19 Emus. QUICK - Across: 1 Alas; 3 Possible; 9 Conceal; 10 Gorse; 11 Poltergeists; 13 Estate; 15 Middle; 17 Missionaries; 20 Sepia; 21 Piccolo; 22 Abridged; 23 Type. Down: 1 Accepted; 2 Annul; 4 Oblige; 5 Significance; 6 Berated; 7 Ever; 8 Desert island; 12 Seashore; 14 Tripper; 16 Couple; 18 Ivory; 19 Asia.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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4		2		1		7		

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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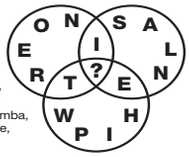
Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION: The letter represented by the question mark is I. Marimba, timpani, triangle, all percussion instruments.

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LOCAL housebuilder Morris Homes is offering househunters a hassle-free route to upgrading to their dream home in Oldbury.

A recent report suggests the majority of buyers trying to trade up are stuck on the property ladder for a year. Nearly half of all second steppers also believe that it will be more difficult to upgrade than when they bought their first home because of a lack of buyers and the high cost of moving.*

Help for frustrated upgraders is provided with Morris' Part Exchange scheme, which is available on a selection of three and four-bed homes at The Forge development on Brades Rise.

The scheme sees the developer purchase a househunter's current home for 100 per cent of its market value**, removing the stress of selling it, and Morris will pay all estate agents fees.

Cindy Vials, regional sales director for Morris, said: "Buyers looking to trade up the property ladder often find themselves stuck in a long chain, but our Part Exchange scheme removes this obstacle.

"It creates a quick, hassle-free process, which accompanied with a guaranteed moving date allows buyers to concentrate on enjoying their new build home rather than worrying about third parties pulling out.

"The Forge, with its great links to the nearby M5 for commuting into Birmingham, is popular with both young professionals and families looking for a high-quality home at this fantastic location."

Morris has a range of three and four-bed properties available at The Forge using the Part Exchange scheme, starting at £169,750.

For more information on the schemes and properties available at The Forge visit the sales office at Brades Rise, Oldbury, B69 2HG (open Thursday – Monday 10.30am – 5.30pm), call 0121 5521160 or visit http://www.morrishomes.co.uk/find-your-perfect-home/west-midlands/oldbury/the-forge/

*Figures from the Lloyds TSB Second Steppers: Trapped in First Home report February 2012

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The Wharfdale property type, available through Morris Homes at The Forge Development. Morris has a range of three and four-bed properties available at The Forge using the Part Exchange scheme, starting from £169,750.

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PROPERTY-SEEKERS who want the extra space and flexibility offered by a three-storey house can find one at Taylor Wimpey's sought-after Cedar Drive development in Oldbury.

The impressive three-bedroom 'Brecon' townhouse benefits from a spacious layout spanning three floors, making it ideal for contemporary lifestyles which require a generous living area for both day-to-day life and entertaining.

With a great-value price from just £156,995, house-hunters could find enjoying the expansive accommodation offered by the beautiful 'Brecon' is much more affordable than they previously thought. Jan Titley, regional sales and marketing director for Taylor Wimpey, says: "Whether there are young children playing, teenagers coming and going or adults relaxing, the additional space offered by a three-storey home caters for house-hunters with a range of requirements."

The 'Brecon' terraced property features a light and airy lounge/dining room opening through French doors to the private rear garden, plus a fitted kitchen/breakfast room and a handy guest cloakroom off the entrance hallway. Upstairs, the first-floor landing leads to two well-proportioned bedrooms and a main bathroom, while the en-suite master bedroom is tucked away in enviable seclusion on the top floor. Outside, the property benefits from two allocated parking spaces.

Alternative three-bedroom designs are priced from just £139,995 at Cedar Drive, while two-bedroom houses are on sale from only £124,995, and four-bedroom properties from £167,995.

All homes at Cedar Drive are completed to a high standard specification, including energy efficient central heating, double glazing and a fitted kitchen with integrated oven, hob and hood.

To make choosing one of these high-quality homes even more appealing, Taylor Wimpey offers a range of helpful homebuyer incentives for first-time buyers.

The FirstBuy scheme, for example, lets qualifying first-time buyers secure selected homes at Cedar Drive for just 80 per cent of their full price, including a five per cent deposit, subject to status.

Incentives can be tailored to customers' individual circumstances and are subject to availability, with full details available from the sales executive.

The homes will lie within landscaped grounds on the site of the former Sampson Works, Rood End Road.

House-hunters can visit the showhomes and sales and marketing suite, off Rood End Road, seven days a week between 10am and 5pm. Alternatively, the sales executive can be contacted on 0845 071 8723. Further information about Taylor Wimpey developments is available by calling 0121 703 3400 or at www.taylorwimpey.co.uk/westmids

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A modern detached property offering well maintained accommodation Recessed front entrance to hallway, kitchen, downstairs W.C., lounge incorporating dining area leading off, Stairs from lounge to first floor landing, three bedrooms (ensuite off master), house bathroom, double glazing, central heating, off-road parking, integral garage, front and rear gardens

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OLDBURY

BRANDHALL ROAD

A fully modernised and improved detached bungalow including recently refitted kitchen and bathroom. Storm porch entrance, to L shaped reception hall, lounge feature fireplace, doors to dining room, conservatory, L shaped dining kitchen including integral appliances, three bedrooms, garage, central heating, double glazing, off road parking to front and rear garden

Offers in the region of £330,000

TIVIDALE

GLENEAGLES DRIVE

An opportunity to acquire an extended detached bungalow. L shaped entrance hall, cloaks off, lounge, dining kitchen, dining room and inner hallway leading off, three bedrooms all containing fitted wardrobes, bathroom with separate shower, additional bedroom 4/office, conservatory, double glazing and central heating where specified, off road parking, gardens

Offers in the region of £255,000

OLDBURY

HIGHBURY ROAD

A modern detached property with through lounge, kitchen with some integrated appliances, four bedrooms (en-suite off master), bathroom, garage, off-road parking and rear garden. Close to local amenities, commuter links by rail and road. Motorway M5 Junction 2 within 2 miles.

Offers in the region of £174,950

WEST BROMWICH

BROMFORD LANE

A well presented modernised and improved mid terraced property. uPVC front entrance door into vestibule, reception hall two stores off, lounge and rear sitting room, kitchen. Staircase from hall to first floor landing, three bedrooms, bathroom containing seperate shower cubicle, central heating, double glazing, front and rear gardens

Price: £124,950

OLDBURY

PITFIELDS ROAD

A modernised, substantially improved and extended town house Fore garden pathway to entrance door, hallway, lounge and dining room, kitchen containing modern kitchen including cooker range. Staircase from hall to first floor landing, three bedrooms, bathroom seperate W.C., double glazing, central heating, rear garden and rear vehicular access

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- Viewing Recommended

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- Three Bedroom, Side Garage
- Double Glazed, Alarmed
- Central Heating where specified

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- Central Heating, Double Glazing
- Off Road Parking

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WHITGREAVE STREET, B70 9BA

- A Mid Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Central Heating, Double Glazing
- Immaculate rear garden

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MAPLE AVENUE, WS10 ORJ

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- Three Bedrooms
- W.C., Central Heating
- Conservatory, Garage

£147,950

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- A Mid Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Central Heating & Double Glazing
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- Two Reception Rooms

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- Three Bedrooms
- Double Glazed
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- Garage & Shared Driveway, Freehold

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- Two Bedrooms
- Driveway, Double Glazed
- Freehold

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CHURCH LANE, B71 1BX

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- Central Heating & Double Glazing
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132 WALSALL ROAD, STONE CROSS, WEST BROMWICH B71 3HP

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Extended semi-detached

NUMBER 28 Tansey Green Road, Pensnett, is an extended traditional semi-detached house with fabulous open views to the rear.

The accommodation comprises: Hallway with staircase off, front lounge/snug, rear lounge with patio doors, an extended L-shaped fitted kitchen with dining area, landing, three bedrooms, bathroom, separate WC, loft room, driveway, long flat rear garden, rear access with potential garage space (subject to consents being obtained).

Viewing is recommended by the agent to appreciate the level of accommodation on offer and the fabulous open views over fields to the rear.

The property is set back from Tansey Green Road behind a level frontage with a brick wall to the front boundary. There is a block paved driveway and gravelled area to the front and a gate to the right hand side providing access to the rear garden.

The rear garden is long and flat being majority laid to lawn with a central pathway, a patio area and hardstandings for various sheds.

There is a gate to the rear opening onto a further section of land which would be ideally suited to a garage or similar building, subject to consents being obtained from the council.

Vehicular access to this land is via a shared track along the rear of the properties and accessed off Tansey Green Road.

The property benefits from backing onto open land/fields to the rear.

Number 28 Tansey Green Road is priced £139,950.

For further details, or to arrange a viewing, call the agent, Billingham Taylor, on 01384 234 900.

This semi-detached property is on the market in Tansey Green Road, Pensnett, Brierley Hill, priced £139,950

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• 3 Bedroom Mid Terrace House
• Lounge
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THE AVENUE
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• Two Bedroom
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• Communal Grounds
• Allocated Parking
• SORRY NO DHSS
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• Two Reception Rooms
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• One Bedroom
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• Downstairs Bathroom
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Lot 4 44-46 High Street, Droitwich ... Commercial Vacant
Lot 5 8 Coplow Terrace, Coplow Street, Ladywood ... Residential Vacant
Lot 6 43 Sedgley Road East, Tipton ... Residential Investment
Lot 7 132 Edenhurst Road, Longbridge ... Residential Vacant
Lot 8 3,3A, 3B & 3C Bilston Street, Wolverhampton ... Commercial Investment
Lot 9 20 Churchdale Close, Nuneaton ... Residential Vacant
Lot 10 Flat 1-19 The Croft, Willenhall ... Residential Investment
Lot 11 Linthouse Lane, Wolverhampton ... Commercial Investment
Lot 12 Castlecroft Road, Finchfield, Wolverhampton ... Commercial Investment
Lot 13 51 Crathorne Avenue, Wolverhampton ... Residential Investment
Lot 14 121 Oxford Road, Smethwick ... Residential Vacant
Lot 15 Red Lion, 233 Horninglow Road, Burton on Trent ... Commercial Vacant
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Lot 17 749-751 Washwood Heath Road, Alum Rock ... Commercial Investment
Lot 18 86 Madin Road, Tipton ... Residential Vacant
Lot 19 50 Stowheath Lane, Wolverhampton ... Residential Investment
Lot 20 Royal Hotel, Station Road, Eckington, Sheffield ... Commercial Vacant
Lot 21 7 Stonehaven Grove, Hall Green ... Residential Vacant
Lot 22 121 Birkenshaw Road, Great Barr ... Residential Vacant
Lot 23 Crown Inn, Main Street, North Muskham, Newark ... Commercial Vacant
Lot 24 82 Lower Prestwood Road, Wolverhampton ... Commercial & Residential Vacant
Lot 25 153 Johnson Road, Erdington ... Residential Vacant
Lot 26 Land at Manor Way, Halesowen ... Land
Lot 27 306 Station Road, Stechford ... Residential Investment
Lot 28 774 College Road, Kingstanding ... Commercial & Residential Investment
Lot 29 28 Lewis Road, Oldbury ... Residential Vacant
Lot 30 72/74 Dangerfield Lane, Wednesbury ... Residential Vacant
Lot 31 179 Alexander Road, Acocks Green ... Residential Vacant
Lot 32 127 Park Road, Bearwood ... Residential Vacant
Lot 33 5 Cuthberts Yard, Barlston, Warks. ... Residential Investment
Lot 34 71 Northgate, Walsall ... Residential Investment
Lot 35 The Old Coach House off Green Street, Smethwick ... Commercial Vacant
Lot 36 143-153 Hospital Street, Newtown ... Commercial Vacant
Lot 37 69 Stubby Lane, Wednesfield ... Commercial & Residential Investment
Lot 38 52 Swan Street, Dudley ... Residential Vacant
Lot 39 85 Toplock Cottage, Walsall Road, Great Barr ... Residential Vacant
Lot 40 Uncle Toms Cabin, Corporation Street, Stoke on Trent ... Commercial Vacant
Lot 41 2 & 2a Parkhouse Street, Stoke on Trent ... Residential Vacant
Lot 42 3 Ladysmith Road, Stoke on Trent ... Residential Vacant
Lot 43 36 Greystone Passage, Dudley ... Residential Investment
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Lot 56 11 The Circle, Nuneaton ... Land
Lot 57 40 North Street, Dudley ... Residential Vacant
Lot 58 Block E1 & E2 Hagley Court North, Brierley Hill ... Commercial Vacant
Lot 59 67 Hall Street East, Darlaston ... Residential Vacant
Lot 60 48 Sandon Road, Edgbaston ... Residential Investment
Lot 61 50 Sandon Road, Edgbaston ... Residential Investment
Lot 62 43 Harborne Park Road, Harborne ... Residential Investment
Lot 63 45 Harborne Park Road, Harborne ... Residential Investment
Lot 64 7a Portway Hill, Tividale ... Land
Lot 65 4 Feldon Lane, Halesowen ... Residential Investment
Lot 66 25 Stanley Road, Atherstone ... Residential Investment
Lot 67 216 Halesowen Road, Old Hill ... Commercial Vacant
Lot 68 88 Coleshill Road, Marston Green ... Residential Vacant
Lot 69 27 Hall Street, Bilston ... Commercial Vacant
Lot 70 174 Appleton Avenue, Great Barr ... Residential Vacant
Lot 71 36 Gladstone Road, Erdington ... Residential Investment
Lot 72 6 Petworth Close, Willenhall ... Residential Vacant
Lot 73 50 Trafalgar Court, New NOT BEING OFFERED ... Residential Vacant
Lot 74 420-422 Birmingham Road, Wylde Green ... Commercial Investment
Lot 75 22 Nineveh Avenue, off Nineveh Road, Handsworth ... Residential Vacant
Lot 76 463 Old Walsall Road, Great Barr ... Residential Vacant
Lot 77 28 Scotts Green Close, Dudley ... Residential Vacant
Lot 78 74 Rosemary Crescent, Dudley ... Residential Investment
Lot 78A 85 Tettenhall Road, Wolverhampton ... Residential Vacant
Lot 79 67 Church Street, Darlaston ... Residential Investment
Lot 80 10 Bromford Court,Bromford Lane, Washwood Heath ... Residential Investment
Lot 81 113 Barnford Crescent, Oldbury ... Residential Vacant
Lot 82 1 Harborne Court, Harborne Park Road, Harborne ... Residential Investment
Lot 83 261-263 Slade Road, Erdington Commercial Part ... Vacant Part Investment
Lot 84 207 Aldershaw Road, South Yardley ... Residential Vacant
Lot 85 33 Mountford Crescent, Aldridge ... Residential Vacant
Lot 86 1003 Stratford Road, Shirley ... Residential Vacant
Lot 87 141 Brookhill Road, Ward End ... Residential Vacant
Lot 88 8 Hemmings Street, Darlaston ... Residential Vacant
Lot 89 2, 2a & 9a Lodge Crescent, Netherton ... Residential Investment
Lot 90 Strategic Lane SL113, Rowley Regis, Nr Oldbury ... Land
Lot 91 150 Perch Avenue, Chelmsley Wood ... Residential Vacant
Lot 92 78 Boulton Road, Handsworth ... Residential Vacant
Lot 93 1 Shillcock Grove/47 Brearley Street, Hockley ... Commercial Vacant
Lot 94 100 Poplar Avenue, Edgbaston ... Residential Vacant
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- Gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed
- Two double bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom with electric shower
- Lounge, dining room, kitchen and breakfast room

Offers based on £134,950

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- End Town House
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- 3 Bedrooms
- Lounge & Dining Room
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REDUCED

THE OVAL, SMETHWICK

- Freehold semi-detached property
- Centrally heated and PVC double glazed
- Three bedrooms and refitted bathroom with shower
- Hall, spacious lounge and kitchen/breakfast room
- Off-street parking for two cars
- Ideally suited for first time buyers

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59 WARLEY HALL ROAD, OLDBURY

A well presented and most pleasantly situated traditional style freehold semi-detached residence occupying an extremely popular location in this established residential neighbourhood within easy reach of Warley Woods, offering gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed accommodation to include three bedrooms, refitted bathroom with shower, hall, lounge with feature fireplace, spacious dining/kitchen, good size gardens and off-street parking for three cars, being within easy reach of Bearwood and comprehensive day-to-day amenities.

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REDUCED

WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, OLDBURY

- Traditional style freehold semi-detached residence with double glazing and gas central heating
- Exceptional family accommodation
- Extended to include FIVE GOOD SIZE BEDROOMS
- Hall, 30ft inter-communicating lounge/dining room and excellent fitted dining/kitchen to the ground floor
- Side garage plus off-street parking for two cars
- Well appointed bathroom with individual shower
- Delightful landscaped gardens
- Extremely convenient location close to comprehensive day-to-day amenities

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WATTIS ROAD, BEARWOOD

- Located in a private cul-de-sac close to Bearwood High Street
- Freehold mid-terraced villa
- Gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed
- Two double bedrooms
- Hall, dining room, lounge and kitchen
- Fully tiled bathroom

Offers based on £134,950

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REDUCED

WARLEY ROAD, OLDBURY

- Freehold double fronted semi-detached property
- Centrally heated & PVC double glazed
- 3 bedrooms and bathroom
- Spacious lounge and kitchen/breakfast room
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Neatly laid out gardens to front and rear
- Being in need of some cosmetic improvement

Offers based on £119,950

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REDUCED

PARKHILL ROAD, SMETHWICK

- Freehold mid-terraced property
- Centrally heated and virtually double glazed throughout
- Easy access to Smethwick High Street
- Two reception rooms
- Kitchen
- Bathroom and three bedrooms

Offers based on £104,950

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WIGORN ROAD, BEARWOOD

A most superbly improved and pleasantly situated traditional style freehold end villa residence having been sympathetically modernised to a high standard and offering gas centrally heated and partly double glazed accommodation which requires full internal inspection to be appreciated and includes two double bedrooms, expensively equipped first floor refitted bathroom with separate shower, dining room, lounge, refitted kitchen and good size laid out garden to the rear, being within easy reach of both Bearwood High Street and Warley Woods, having Birmingham city centre readily accessible and with comprehensive day-to-day amenities close at hand.

Offer based on £147,950

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17 PRINCESS ROAD, OLDBURY

- Traditional style freehold centre town house
- Gas centrally heated
- Carefully maintained & well presented accommodation
- Three bedrooms and bathroom with shower
- Lounge, dining/kitchen, conservatory & downstairs WC
- Established gardens with off-street parking
- Pleasant established residential location
- Convenient good range of day-to-day amenities

Offers based on £106,950

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Lot Numbers		
1	**50 BERTRAM ROAD, SMETHWICK, B67 7NY** Freehold 3 bedroomed terraced in need of modernisation	**£60-65,000**
2	**43 CHURCH ROAD, SMETHWICK, B67 6HA** Freehold 2 bedroomed centrally heated and double glazed terraced, needing further improvement	**£65-70,000**
3	**2 BRIGHT ROAD, OLDBURY, B68 8JR** Freehold centrally heated semi-detached corner residence with 3 bedrooms, needing improvement	**£75-80,000**
4	**131 ROOD END ROAD, OLDBURY, B68 8SR** 2 bedroom, first floor maisonette with double glazing and central heating	**£45-50,000**
5	**19 WATTIS ROAD, BEARWOOD, B67 5BB** Freehold centrally heated 2 bedroomed terraced, needing modernisation	**£75-80,000**
6	**84 EVA ROAD, WINSON GREEN, B18 4NH** Freehold 3 bedroom mid terraced, needing modernisation	**£60-65,000**
7	**52 BEAKES ROAD, BEARWOOD, B67 5RU** Freehold centrally heated and double glazed 3 bedroomed terraced, needing some upgrading	**£80-85,000**
8	**304 QUEENS ROAD, SMETHWICK, B67 6PE** Freehold 2 bedroomed terraced with central heating and double glazing	**£65-70,000**
9	**2 MACAULEY HOUSE, WEST BROMWICH, B70 6DY** Ground floor 2 bedroomed flat, ideal investment	**£48-50,000**
10	**11 WATERFALL LANE, ROWLEY REGIS, B65 0BL** Freehold substantial and profitable investment with 4 self-contained flats	**...£circa. 100,000**
11	**3 HALL ROAD, SMETHWICK, B67 6SG** Freehold 3 bedroomed centrally heated double glazed semi-detached - needs further improvement	**£85-90,000**
12	**102 POUND ROAD, OLDBURY, B68 8JR** Freehold traditional style extended 4 bedroomed semi-detached residence needing full renovation	**£circa. 100,000**

MONMOUTH ROAD, BEARWOOD

- Substantial mid-terraced property
- Gas centrally heated and part double glazed
- Four bedrooms (one with en-suite shower room and walk-in wardrobe)
- Family bathroom
- Inter-communicating through lounge/dining room
- Refitted kitchen
- Rear sitting room/playroom
- Number of original features
- Internal inspection to be appreciated

Offers based on £269,950

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NEW

TRIDENT COURT, SAVOY CLOSE, HARBORNE

- Pleasant residential cul-de-sac
- Established neighbourhood close comprehensive facilities
- Ground floor studio flat
- Lounge/bedroom, bathroom with shower, kitchen and hall
- Landscaped gardens with garage
- Easy access city centre
- Ideal first time buyers or investment

Offers based on £52,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

BROADWAY, OLDBURY

- Freehold semi-detached property
- Two double bedrooms and bathroom
- Through lounge/dining room
- Kitchen and utility
- Two garages
- Gardens to front and rear
- Off-street parking
- Potential for extensions, subject to planning consent
- Centrally heated
- Virtually PVC double glazed throughout

Offers based on £144,950

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HALES CRESCENT, SMETHWICK

- Freehold semi-detached property
- Gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed
- Recently refurbished
- Three bedrooms
- Fully tiled refitted bathroom
- Lounge and open plan kitchen/dining room
- Benefit of off-street parking

Offers in excess of £107,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

DURBAN ROAD, SMETHWICK

A traditional terraced villa located in a popular neighbourhood just off Cape Hill in Smethwick offering gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed accommodation to include two double bedrooms, bathroom, two living rooms and kitchen, having comprehensive day-to-day amenities close at hand and ideally suited for first time buyers.

Offers based on £105,000

Viewing: Bearwood Office

CHURCH ROAD, SMETWHICK

Occupying a most pleasant residential location at the corner of Church Road and Cemetery Road, a traditional style freehold semi-detached residence having been extended and offering double glazed and fully alarmed accommodation to include three good size bedrooms, bathroom, hall, study/inner hall, lounge, separate dining room, kitchen, downstairs shower room/WC and separate cloaks, together with easily maintained gardens providing excellent off-street parking, and having the benefit of comprehensive day-to-day amenities close at hand.

Offers based on £99,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

NEW

IVY HOUSE ROAD, OLDBURY

- A greatly improved, excellently presented semi
- Three bedrooms, two reception rooms
- Larger than average rear garden
- Popular locality close to Wolverhampton Road

Price £99,950

Viewing: Oldbury Office

NEW

NEWBURY LANE, OLDBURY

- Excellently presented mid town house
- Gas central heating
- Three bedrooms, two reception rooms
- Off street parking to front
- Ideal first purchase

Price £104,500

Viewing: Oldbury Office

REDUCED

PORTLAND DRIVE, TIVIDALE

- A well presented modern detached
- Internal inspection recommended
- Fitted claokroom
- 2 reception rooms
- Fitted kitchen
- 4 bedrooms
- En suite shower room and house bathroom
- Good sized garden.

Offers based on £190,000

Viewing: Oldbury Office

REDUCED

DIBBLE ROAD, SMETHWICK

- A deceptively spacious corner residence
- 3 bedrooms
- 2 large living rooms and dining room
- Attic/playroom which is boarded out
- Gardens
- Situated close to Smethwick HIgh Street

Offers based on: £114,950

Viewing Oldbury Office

REDUCED

WATERSIDE COURT, TITFORD ROAD, OLDBURY

- A well presented third floor flat
- 2 bedrooms
- Spacious lounge
- Well appointed bathroom
- Communal gardens
- Secure allocated parking
- Internal inspection highly recommended.

Offers based on £95,000

Viewing: Oldbury Office

DURHAM ROAD, ROWLEY REGIS

- Ideal first purchase
- Excellently presented semi
- Gas central heating
- 2 bedrooms
- Fitted kitchen
- Gardens
- Allocated car parking space
- Full internal inspection recommended.

Offers based on £94,950

Viewing: Oldbury Office

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Hursey Drive, Tipton — NEW

Modern semi detached offering upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Situated in a sought after location whilst briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, dining room, conservatory, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, shower room, crete print driveway, garage and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £137,995
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Steven Drive, Bilston — NEW

Modern middle terrace offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating. Ideal first time purchase, whilst briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway to front and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £79,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Himley Road, Dudley — NEW

End Terrace offering upvc double glazing and no upward chain. Ideal buy to rent investment, whilst briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, kitchen, 1 bedroom, bathroom and gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £56,995
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

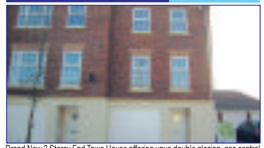
Gospel Oak Road, Tipton — NEW

Detached property offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating, no upward chain and garage conversion. Well presented accommodation briefly comprises, side porch, reception hall, lounge, conservatory, fitted kitchen, family room (currently used as bedroom 5) with study area, 4 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, large driveway to front and paved rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £154,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Geneva Road, Tipton — NEW

End Terrace offering gas central heating, upvc double glazing, loft conversion and no upward chain. Reception hall, lounge, inner lobby, guest cloakroom, kitchen, 4 bedrooms, bathroom, enclosed driveway and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £99,995
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Bagnalls Wharf, Wednesbury — NEW



Brand New 3 Storey End Town House offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating and canal views. Spacious family accommodation briefly comprises, reception hall, shower room / guest cloakroom, lounge, fitted breakfast kitchen, utility room, 3 bedrooms, 2 en suite, driveway, integral garage and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £149,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

William Barrows Way, Tipton

Modern 'Cadeleigh' design Detached built in 2009. Offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating and large family accommodation which briefly comprises, reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, study room, dining room, fitted breakfast kitchen, utility room, 4 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, garage and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £239,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Monins Avenue, Tipton — REDUCED

Ground floor flat, double glazing and electric heating. Sought after development with canal basin views, vestibule, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, 1 bedroom, bathroom with shower, communal garden area and allocated parking.
OFFERS AROUND: £53,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Callaghan Drive, Tividale

Modern Executive style Detached situated in a sought after development having local motorway networks within easy reach. Offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating & superbly presented spacious family accommodation which briefly comprises, reception hall, lounge, dining room, fitted breakfast kitchen, utility room, guest cloakroom, 4 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, driveway, fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £209,950
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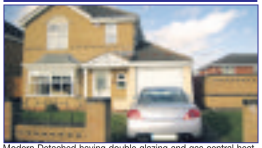
Constantine Way, Bilston



Modern Detached having double glazing and gas central heating. Reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, utility room, 4 bedrooms, en suite bathroom, family bathroom, driveway, garage, fore garden and good size rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £194,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Highfield Road, Tipton — REDUCED

Semi detached having upvc double glazing (most windows), part gas central heating, spacious family accommodation and offering no upward chain. Porch, reception hall, lounge, sitting room, kitchen, outhouses, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, fore / large rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £79,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Charter Road, Tipton

Modern Detached having gas central heating and situated in a most sought after location & within the Catchment Area for Tipton RSA. Having reception Hall, through lounge / dining room, conservatory, kitchen, utility room, guest cloakroom, 4 bedrooms, en-suite shower room, family bathroom, driveway, single Garage, fore / rear gardens, No Upward Chain. Freehold upon completion (subject to T&C)
OFFERS AROUND: £194,000
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Hawkins Street, West Bromwich — NEW

An Extended 3 Bedroom Semi Detached House offering Central Heating, Double Glazing and No Upward Chain. Accommodation Comprises- Porch, Hall, 26ft Lounge, Kitchen, Dining Room, Conservatory, WC, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Front & Rear Gardens, Garage to Rear.
OFFERS AROUND: £114,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Hartland Road, West Bromwich — NEW

A Delightful Extended Detached House offering Central Heating and Double Glazing and further potential for extension (subject to planning permission). Accommodation Comprises- Integral Porch, Hall, 2 Reception Rooms, Kitchen with Large Pantry, Ground Floor Wet Room/ WC, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Bathroom & Separate WC, Rear Garden, Garage and Driveway Off Road Parking.
OFFERS AROUND: £194,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Hilton Street, West Bromwich — NEW

A 3 Bedroom Mid Terraced House Offering Double Glazing, Central Heating System with Solar Panels, Intruder Alarm and No Upward Chain. Accommodation Comprises- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Ground Floor Shower Room/ WC, 3 Bedrooms, Gardens to Front & Rear and Rear Vehicle Access.
OFFERS AROUND: £94,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Dudley Street, West Bromwich — NEW

Refurbished to a high standard, a Detached House with excellent location for town centre and transport links. Benefitting from Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accommodation Comprises- Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Refitted Kitchen, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom/ WC, Large Rear Garden with Vehicle Access to Rear and Driveway Off Road Parking to Front.
OFFERS AROUND: £129,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Margaret Street, West Bromwich — REDUCED

A recently refurbished and redecorated mid terraced property. Excellent location near West Bromwich Town Centre. No Upward Chain. The property is a deceptively spacious two bedroom mid terraced house with double glazing and central heating and comprises two reception rooms, refitted kitchen, refitted bathroom, two bedrooms, front and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £83,950
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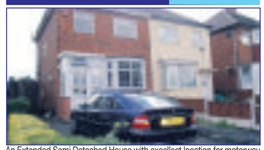
New Birmingham Road, Oldbury — REDUCED



An Extended Semi Detached House with excellect location for motorway links and Sandwell & Dudley Rail Station. Benefitting from Central Heating & Double Glazing. Accomodation Comprises- Porch, Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Guest Cloaks/ WC, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC.
OFFERS AROUND:£115.00 £115,000
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Church Vale, West Bromwich

A Rare Opportunity to purchase this Impressive Detached House within a highly saught after location. Benefitting From Central Heating, Majority Double Glazing and Intruder Alarm. Accommodation Comprises- Integral Porch, Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility with WC, 3 Large Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Large Rear Garden, Driveway Off Road Parking and Garage.
OFFERS AROUND: £249,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Francis Ward Close, West Bromwich

A Delightful Semi Detcahed House situated within this popular cul de sac. Central Heating, Part Double Glazing, Intruder Alarm and No Upward Chain. Accommodation Comprises- Porch, Hall, Through Louge/ Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, 3 Good Size Bedrooms. Bathroom with Separate WC, Gardens to Front & Rear and Driveway Leading to Garage.
OFFERS AROUND: £134,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

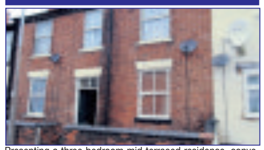
Gladstone Street, West Bromwich

A Spacious Double Fronted Semi Detached House Offering Central Heating, Double Glazing, Intruder Alarm and No Upward Chain. Accommodation Comprises- Hall, Through Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Conservatory, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Gardens to Front & Rear, Car Port into Garage, Gated Driveway Off Road Parking.
OFFERS AROUND: £136,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Hazelbeech Road, West Bromwich

An Exceptional End Terraced House Situated in this Highly Sought After Area. Benefitting from Central Heating, Double Glazing and Intruder Alarm. Accommodation Comprises- Integral Porch, Hall, Lounge with Open Access to Dining Room, Refitted Kitchen, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom/ WC, Gardens to Front & Rear, Rear Vehicle Access leads to Large Garage which has been converted into a Games Room.
OFFERS AROUND: £146,500
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Jesson Street, West Bromwich



Presenting a three bedroom mid terraced residence, conveniently situated for West Bromwich town centre. Intruder alarm, central heating & part double glazing. Further comprising one reception room, fitted kitchen, cellar and a first floor bathroom.
OFFERS AROUND: £109,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Nine Pails Walk, West Bromwich

An Attractively Decorated Three Bedroom Mid Terraced House with Excellent Location For Town Centre and Transport Links. Accommodation Comprises- Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/ Diner, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Separate WC, Gardens to Front & Rear, Parking within Rear Car Park Area.
OFFERS AROUND: £109,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Handley Street, Wednesbury

- A Spacious 3 Bedroom Mid Terrace Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Reception Hal
- Lounge

OFFERS AROUND: £104,995
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Wednesbury, Windmill Street

- A Period [illegible]edroo[illegible] Mid Terrace Home
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- G[illegible] Heat[illegible] Double GLazed (both as specified)
- Recepti[illegible]all

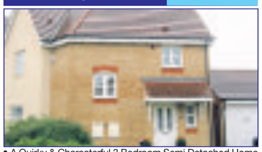
OFFERS AROUND: £69,950
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Friar Park Road, Wednesbury — NEW

- A 3 Bedroom Mid Terrace Home
- Double Glazing (as specified)
- Gas Central Heating
- Lounge with Feature Fireplace

OFFERS AROUND: £79,995
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Manifold Way, Wednesbury — REDUCED



- A Quirky & Characterful 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Occupying a Corner Plot
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Reception Hall & Guest WC

OFFERS AROUND: £130,000
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Wiley Avenue, Darlaston — NEW

- Extended Semi Detached
- UPVc Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
- Reception Hall
- Through Lounge/Diner

OFFERS AROUND: £84,995
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Tipton, Kidd Croft

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- C[illegible]ral Heating & Double Glazing
- Cul-de-sac Location

OFFERS AROUND: £108,000
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Wednesbury, Poplar Road

- A Spac[illegible]s 3 [illegible]edroom Semi Detached Home
- G[illegible] Cent[illegible] Heating
- D[illegible]lazing (as specified)
- Recept[illegible]n Hall

OFFERS AROUND: £120,000
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Hydes Road, Wednesbury — NEW

- A Modern & Individual 5 Bedroom Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- No Upward Chain!
- Reception Hall & Guest WC

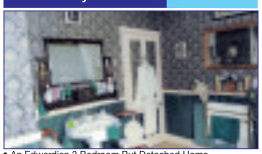
OFFERS AROUND: £269,995
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Ridding Lane, Wednesbury — REDUCED

- A Truley Delightful 3 Bedroom Mid Terrace Home
- Retaining Many Original Features
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as specified)
- Lounge with Characterful Fireplace

OFFERS AROUND: £115,000
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Hollies Drive, Wednesbury — NEW



- An Edwardian 3 Bedroom But Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Original Sash Windows (as specified)
- Many Original Features
- Cul de Sac Location

OFFERS AROUND: £199,995
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Wednesbury, Park Lane

- Much I[illegible]rov[illegible]d Mid Terrace
- 2 [illegible]uble [illegible]rooms
- L[illegible]
- Dining [illegible]oom

OFFERS AROUND: £99,995
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Churchfields Road, Wednesbury — NEW

- A 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing (As specified)
- No Upward Chain!

OFFERS AROUND: £99,995
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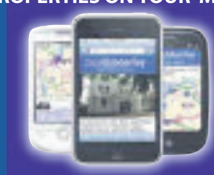

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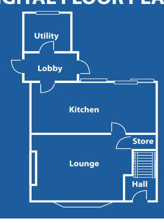

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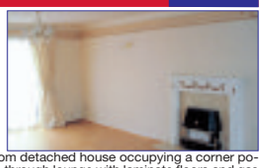
Amphlett Croft — NEW



The property comprises a modern four bedroom detached house occupying a corner position in a quiet cul-de-sac. With entrance hall, through lounge with laminate floors and gas fire, fitted kitchen with oven and hob, utility room with dishwasher, separate dining room, master bedroom with ensuite and wardrobes, family bathroom. Viewing 0121 525 5520

£795 pcm

Stubbington Close Willenhall — NEW

3/4 bedroom extended and much improved detached house in cul-de-sac location benefiting from central heating, double glazing and alarm system. Offering no upward chain and briefly comprising entrance porch, hall, through lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, utility room, guest wc, study/bed 4, fitted bathroom, garage and drive, front and rear gardens.

£650 pcm

Europa Avenue West Bromwich

A rare opportunity to acquire this modern spacious three bedroom detached, situated on this popular development in Sandwell valley.the property offers a good standard of accommodation and briefly •span id="RazE-SpellError_3" class="RazEWrongWord">comprising•/span> of Lounge, Open plan dining kitchen, 3 good size bedrooms, family bathroom, Private rear garden, Garage, •span id="RazE3pellError_4" class="RazEWrong-

£650 pcm

Bratt Street West Bromwich

A most impressive imposing three bedroom period property, situated in a well established neighbourhood just a short distance from West Bromwich town centre which boasts excellent local amenities. This impressive property offers a well planned spacious layout and high standard of accommodation which makes internal viewing essential to fully appreciate the level of accommodation. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Diner, Modern fitted breakfast kitchen, Guest wc, Three good size bedrooms, Family bathroom, Private rear garden, Dg and Gch. No

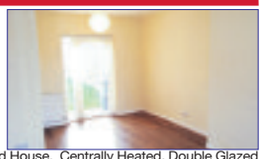
£650 pcm

Bath Street Sedgley

A delightfully spacious three bed roomed semi-detached property, accommodation comprises of three double bedrooms, laminated flooring downstairs, modernised open planned kitchen diner. Benefiting from; gas central heating, double glazing, and double car driveway. Located to close to excellent local amenities and good transport links.

£600 pcm

Millward Street



A Fully Refurbished Extended Semi Detached House. Centrally Heated, Double Glazed and Intruder Alarmed. Accommodation Comprises- Entrance Hall, Through Lounge/ Dining Room, Extended Fitted Kitchen with Integrated Oven & Hob, 2 Good Size Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom/ WC, Front & Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking and Garage.

£560 pcm

Cripps Road Walsall

A traditional three bedroom semi detached property set on a generous corner plot with easy access to motorway networks and local shops. The property offers a good size accommodation and would make a comfortable family home. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Modern fitted dining kitchen, Three good size bedrooms, Family bathroom, Large garage, Private rear garden, No Dss

£550 pcm

Threshers Drive Willenhall

★★ Recently built 3 bedroom terrace house available having the benefit of double glazing and gas central heating. The properties briefly comprise, reception hall, guest WC, fitted kitchen with built in oven and hob, lounge, three bedrooms (master with ensuite shower room) family bathroom, block paved off road parking and rear gardens.

£550 pcm

Walsall Road West Bromwich

A well presented traditional two bedroom semi detached property, situated in a popular location with easy access to excellent transport links. The property offers a spacious layout and a good standard of accommodation. Briefly comprising of Two reception rooms, Fitted kitchen, Two double bedrooms, Family bathroom, Conservatory, Garden, Driveway, Garage, Dg and Gch. No Dss

£550 pcm

Cherry Road Tipton — NEW

Semi Detached having gas central heating & briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway to front & rear garden. No Dss

£525 pcm

Ruskin Street West Bromwich

A Surprisingly spacious, Semi Detached House. Centrally Heated, Double Glazed, Intruder Alarm, CCTV, cavity wall insulated and benefiting from. Through Lounge, Open Plan Dining Room/Fitted Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom/Wc and Good sized rear garden.

£525 pcm

Pemberton Road West Bromwich

Impressively proportioned three bedroom semi detached house offering a spacious layout and good standard of accommodation the property benefits from Lounge, Dining room, Fitted kitchen, Three good sized bedrooms, Family bathroom, Private 100ft Garden, Dg Gch and Driveway. No Dss.

£525 pcm

Cophall Street Tipton

Modern Semi Detached Bungalow having upvc double glazing, gas central heating, fitted alarm, & briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, conservatory, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, parking area & rear garden.

£525 pcm

Thunderbolt Way Tipton

A well presented modern ground apartment. situated in a popular residential location. The property offers a good standard of accommodation throughout and internal viewing is essential to fully appreciate. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Modern fitted kitchen, Bathroom, Two good size bedrooms, Parking, Dg and Gch.

£495 pcm

Ravensbourne Grove Willenhall

To Let- A modern two bedroom semi detached property located in a cul-de-sac with the benefit of gas central heating. The property briefly comprises, lounge, fitted kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom with shower, front and rear gardens & off road parking. Viewing 01902 633323.

£495 pcm

Harper Grove Tipton — NEW

Modern 3rd floor apartment offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating, security entrance doors and no upward chain. Reception hall, lounge, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, allocated parking.

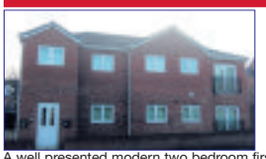
£495 pcm

Fairway Green Bilston

Located at the foot of a cul-de-sac location this 3 bedroom end terrace, benefits from gas central heating & double glazing, The property briefly comprises; reception hall, lounge, 18ft breakfast kitchen, guest wc, 3 spacious bedrooms, bathroom/wc & enclosed rear garden. Dss considered

£495 pcm

Bloxwich Road South



A well presented modern two bedroom first floor apartment, situated in a well popular well established neighbourhood close to excellent local amenities and transport links. briefly comprising of Lounge, Modern fitted kitchen, Two good size bedrooms, Parking, Dg and Gch No Dss.

£495 pcm

Lea Avenue WEDNESBURY

A gas centrally heated traditional semi comprising reception, lounge, fitted dining kitchen with built in oven and hob, 2 good bedooms, bathroom/wc, verandah, store, gardens, limited access to garage, car space. 0121 525 5520.

£485 pcm

Darbys Way Tipton

A well presented modern two bedroom ground floor apartment, situated in this popular development just a short distance from transport links and local shops. The property is finished to a high standard and briefly comprises of Lounge, Modern fitted kitchen, Two good size bedrooms, Bathroom, Parking, Dg and Gch. No Dss

£475 pcm

Ashley Street Bilston

A well presented traditional refurbished 3 bedroom mid terrace home. The property benefits gas central heating and double glazing and briefly comprises; storm porch, lounge, dining room, recently re-fitted kitchen, downstairs bathroom/wc, 3 bedrooms (3rd bedroom off 2nd bedroom) and enclosed rear garden. The property makes an ideal family home. Dss Considered.

£475 pcm

Sannders Crescent

A Well Presented Modern First Floor Granary style luxury apartment having UPVC Double Glazing, Electric Heating & briefly comprises: Reception Hallway, Landing, Lounge / Diner, Fitted Kitchen with built in oven/hob, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower and Allocated Parking Space. Viewing 0121 522 3733.

£475 pcm

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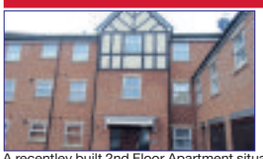
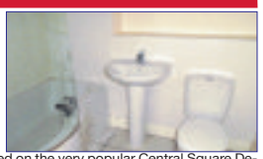



A recentley built 2nd Floor Apartment situated on the very popular Central Square Development, offering an excellent town centre location. Benefitting from Central Heating, Double Glazing . Accomodation comprises- Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Bathroom/ WC, 2 Bedrooms, Allocated Parking Space.

£475 pcm

Eden Grove West Bromwich — NEW

A modern one bedroom first floor apartment, situated in a quiet cul de sac the property offers a good standard of accommodation and briefly comprises of Lounge, Fitted kitchen, Double bedroom, Bathroom, Dg , Ch and communal gardens.No Dss

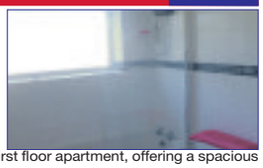
£450 pcm

Wordsworth Close TIPTON

A well presented modern two bedroom town house, offering a good location and briefly comprises of Lounge, Kitchen, Two bedrooms, Bathroom, Fore garden and parking. No Dss

£450 pcm

Pommel Close — NEW



A modern well presented two bedroom first floor apartment, offering a spacious layout and finished to a high standard throughout. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Modern fitted kitchen, Two bedrooms, Family bathroom, Dg and Ch, No dss

£450 pcm

Hollywell Street Bilston

A well presented modern style first floor one bedroom apartment set in a popular residential location with just a short distance from Sedgley town centre and is decorated to a high standard of accommodation. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Modern fitted kitchen, Double bedroom, Dg, Gch and communal gardens. No Dss

£400 pcm

Wake Green Road Tipton — NEW

A well presented modern one bedroom apartment offering a popular location close to local amenities. the property is finished to a good standard and briefly comprises of Open plan lounge kitchen, Double bedroom, Bathroom and double glazing. No Dss.

£375 pcm

Camberley West Bromwich

The property comprises a recentl refurbished two bedroom 10th floor flat benefiting from electric heating. The accommodation includes two bedrooms, lounge with laminate flooring, bathroom, kitchen. Viewing 0121 525 5520

£375 pcm

Carneige Avenue Tipton

A modern ground floor studio apartment, set in a well established neighbourhood with easy access to motorways and rail networks. The property is a good standard of decoration and briefly comprises of Lounge/Bedroom, Fitted kitchen, bathroom and communal garden.

£325 pcm

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Sandstone Close
★FF Maisonette ★Bathroom inc Shower facility
★Double Bedroom inc Fitted Wardrobes ★Available Immediately
★GCH
£395pcm

Rowley Regis
Fallow Field Road
★Two double bedrooms ★GCH and DG
★Bathroom with Bath and Shower
★Fully Fitted Kitchen
£450pcm

Tipton
Potters Brook
★ Two bed FF apartment ★ Fitted Kitchen with appliances
★ DG & GCH ★ Master bedroom en suite
★ Lounge
£495pcm

Netherton
Lynbrook Close
★Two bed semi detached bungalow with breakfast bar
★Separate utility room.
★Hall. Lounge. GCH. ORP x 2
★Fully fitted kitchen ★Bathroom with
£495pcm

Tividale
Clun Close
★Three Bed Semi ★Bathroom with Shower
★Furnished ★Rear Garden
£525pcm

Tipton
St Marks Road
★Three bed FF Maisonette ★Lounge
★Kitchen with Oven and Hob
★GCH & DG
£550pcm

Tipton
Coburg Croft
★Three bed end terrace kitchen
★Master bedroom ensuite
★DG & GCH
★Fully fitted breakfast ★Rear Garden inc
£575pcm

Bilston
Cadgwith Gardens
★Executive four bed detached ★Kitchen with oven & hob
★GCH & DG ★Spacious lounge & dining room
★Utility room
£650pcm

Kingswinford
Ibis Gardens
★Three bed detached house kitchen
★Conservatory.
★Fully fitted ★CH
£650pcm

Wednesfield
Mattox Road
★Three bed semi detached house ★Downstairs WC. Enclosed rear garden
★Two reception rooms
★Kitchen - oven & hob ★GCH. DG
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Merry Hill Centre
Columbus Avenue
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Darbys Way
★Attractive first floor two bed apartment ★Hall, lounge
★Fitted kitchen with oven & hob
★Sitting room, dining room area ★Bathroom with shower
£475pcm

Dudley
Hilderic Crescent
★ Two bed maisonette ★ GCH
★ Lounge with coal gas fire ★ Bathroom with bath and shower
★ Fitted kitchen ★ Rear garden
£475pcm

Tipton
Rugeley Close
★Two bed second floor apartment ★Fully fitted kitchen. DG
★Lounge with patio doors
★Quiet cul-de-sac location ★Bathroom with shower
£475pcm

Wednesfield
Bickford Road
★Three bedroomed house ★Separate dining room
★Lounge ★Downstairs bathroom with shower
★Fitted kitchen
£450pcm

Wolverhampton
Wolverhampton Road East
★GF two bed flat ★Fitted kitchen
★Lounge with feature fireplace ★Bathroom with bath & shower
£450pcm

Bilston
Bunkers Hill Lane
★Three bed semi detached ★Breakfast kitchen
★Rear lobby with shower
★Lounge
£450pcm

West Bromwich
Birmingham Road
★One bed apartment in popular residential location ★Fully fitted kitchen with integrated appliances
★Bathroom with bath & shower
★Spacious lounge
£450pcm

West Bromwich
Brickhouse Lane
★Two bed semi detached house ★Lounge, seperate dining room
★Recently modernised & redecorated ★Newly fitted kitchen with utility area
£450pcm

Tipton
Harper Grove
★Two bed ground floor flat ★Hall, through lounge
★Fully fitted kitchen
★Recently redecorated throughout ★Bathroom with bath & shower
£450pcm

Tipton
Grace Road
★Two bed ground floor apartment ★Fitted kitchen
★Bathroom
★Lounge ★ORP
£425pcm

Tipton
Bonneville Close
★One bedroom first floor flat ★Lounge with Juliette balconies
★GCH & DG ★Fitted kitchen
£425 pcm

Willenhall
Regent Street
★Two bed end terraced house ★Bathroom with shower
★Two reception rooms ★Loft room
★Fitted kitchen ★GCH
£425pcm

Willenhall
Leveson Street
★Spacious three bed terraced house ★Fitted kitchen
★Dining room ★Downstairs WC
★Lounge ★GCH & DG
£425pcm

Tipton
St Michaels Way
★One bed house ★GCH & DG
★Open plan lounge/kitchen ★Bathroom with bath & shower
£395pcm

Tipton
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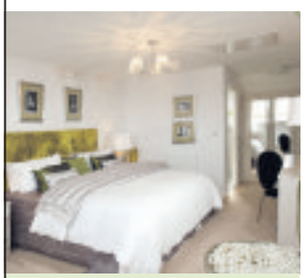

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- Rear garden

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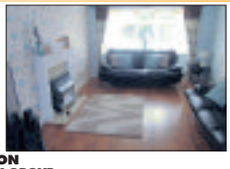
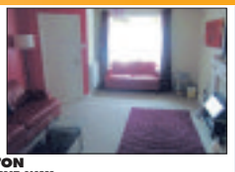


TIPTON
NARRAWAY GROVE
- Four bedroom modern detached on corner plot
- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen
- Downstairs WC
- Conservatory
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Garage and driveway
- Rear garden

£219,995



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CONSTANTINE WAY
- Four bedroom detached
- Lounge/dining room
- Dining kitchen, utility and conservatory
- Two en suites plus family bathroom
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Garage and driveway
- Rear garden

£214,995

TIPTON
FACTORY ROAD
- Two bedroom modern semi detached
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Off road parking
- Rear garden

£99,995

WEST BROMWICH
GREETS GREEN ROAD
- Two bedroom mid terrace
- Two reception rooms
- Downstairs bathroom
- Double glazing and central heating (where specified)
- Front and rear gardens
- Garage to rear of property

£79,995

WEST BROMWICH
ANNE CLOSE
- One bedroom mid terrace bungalow
- Entrance hall
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Shower room
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Rear garden

£79,995

TIPTON
CONEYGREE ROAD
- Three bedroom semi detached
- Lounge and dining room
- Extended kitchen
- Majority double glazing
- Partial gas fired central heating
- Front and rear gardens
- Potential for off road parking (subject to permission)

£104,995

DUDLEY
ARDLEY CLOSE
- Three bedroom end terrace
- Lounge
- Extended kitchen
- Double glazing
- Gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Front and rear gardens
- Garage in separate block

£96,500

WEST BROMWICH
CALDWELL STREET
- Three bedroom semi detached
- Lounge and kitchen
- Ground floor bathroom
- Conservatory
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Garage, front and rear gardens

£89,995

TIPTON
MIDDLE MEADOW
- Modern five bedroom detached three storey property
- Lounge, dining room and kitchen
- Downstairs WC, two en suites and family bathroom
- Conservatory
- Detached garage and driveway
- Front and rear gardens
- Still under NHBC guarantee

NOW £225,000

TIPTON
DOUGHTY CLOSE
- Modern four bedroom detached on corner plot
- Lounge with dining area
- Kitchen and utility room
- Cloakroom
- Bathroom and en suite
- Garage
- Off road parking
- Central heating double glazing (where specified)

£214,995

TIVIDALE
CALLAGHAN DRIVE
- Modern four bedroom detached
- Lounge/dining room
- Fitted kitchen and utility room
- Conservatory
- Downstairs WC and en suite to master bedroom
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Garage and driveway
- Front and rear gardens

£209,995

TIPTON
EYSTON AVENUE
- Modern four bedroom detached
- Two reception rooms
- Kitchen with utility area
- Downstairs WC
- Upstairs bathroom
- En suite to master
- Garage and off road parking
- Garden to rear

£209,995

TIPTON
WILDAY CLOSE
- Three double bedroomed detached house
- Through lounge/dining room, breakfast kitchen
- Downstairs WC, conservatory
- En suite to master bedroom
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Garage, block paved driveway and rear garden

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WEDNESBURY OAK ROAD
- Two/three bedroom detached dormer bungalow
- Lounge, kitchen
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- Conservatory
- Partial double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Tandem garage and driveway
- Front and rear gardens

NOW £179,995

WEST BROMWICH
STANLEY ROAD
- Three bedroom semi detached
- Lounge, sitting room/dining room
- Fitted kitchen
- Conservatory
- Double glazing
- Gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Off road parking
- Rear garden

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- Three bedroom semi detached
- Porch and through lounge/dining area
- Fitted kitchen and conservatory
- Family bathroom with shower cubicle
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Off road parking. Front and rear gardens

£159,995

TIPTON
WILLIAM BARROWS WAY
- Modern four bedroom semi detached
- Lounge and dining kitchen
- Conservatory
- En suite to master bedroom plus family bathroom
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Garage and driveway
- Rear garden

£167,500

TIPTON
DAISY MEADOW
- Extended four bedroom semi detached
- Entrance and downstairs WC
- Lounge/dining room, extended dining kitchen
- En suite to master bedroom plus family shower room
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Off road parking
- Rear garden

£159,995

TIPTON
KIDD CROFT
- Extended four bedroom semi detached
- Through lounge and extended dining room
- Fitted kitchen
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Garage and driveway
- Rear garden

£149,995

TIPTON
HAINES CLOSE
- Modern three bedroom detached
- Lounge/diner, Conservatory
- Downstairs WC
- En suite to master bedroom
- Garage and off road parking
- Double glazing
- Central heating (where specified)
- Rear garden

NOW £149,995

TIPTON
ANCHOR DRIVE
- Three bedroom semi detached
- Downstairs WC
- Lounge
- En suite to master bedroom
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Garage and driveway
- Front and rear gardens

£139,995

WEST BROMWICH
WHITGREAVE STREET
- Four bedroom well presented semi detached including loft conversion
- Two reception rooms
- Extended kitchen
- Upstairs family bathroom and en suite to master
- Garage and off road parking
- Double glazing and central heating (where specified)

NOW £139,995

TIPTON
KERR DRIVE
- Link detached chalet-style with two/three bedrooms
- Bedroom three/study, lounge/dining room
- Conservatory, fitted kitchen
- Downstairs WC
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Garage, driveway and rear garden

WAS £139,995 NOW £134,995

TIPTON
PATRICIA DRIVE
- Three bedroom link detached
- Lounge and dining area
- Fitted breakfast kitchen
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Garage
- Driveway
- Front and rear gardens

WAS £129,995 NOW £127,500

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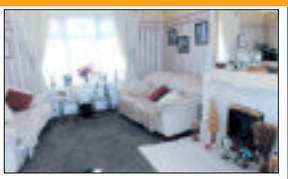
WEDNESBURY SUSSEX AVENUE

Two Bedroom Semi Detached House with a substantial plot to the rear. The property also has the benefit of double glazing gas central heating and conservatory. An early viewing is recommended.

£94,950



WEDNESBURY ASH ROAD

Three Bedroom Semi Detached house on a generous corner plot. Through lounge/dining room. Fitted kitchen, gas central heating and double glazed. Delightful rear garden and ample off road parking.

£129,950

WEDNESBURY DEVON ROAD

Immaculately presented one bedroom first floor apartment. Pleasant spacious lounge, kitchen area with oven and hob. Double glazed and central heated. Large enclosed privately owned garden with productive vegetable patch. Off road parking. VACANT POSSESSION AVAILABLE

£54,950

WEDNESBURY

YEW TREE LANE

- This traditional-style two bedroom semi detached property is situated in a quiet cul de sac within the popular Golf Links development
- Having central heating, double glazing and for sale with no upward chain
- The property offers generous accommodation and a blank canvas thought ideal for first time buyers

£99,950

WEST BROMWICH

WESTMINSTER ROAD

- A traditional three bedroom semi detached in a prominent location
- Having double glazing
- off road parking and garage to the rear
- Offered for sale with NO UPWARD CHAIN

£84,950

WEDNESBURY

BAGNALLS WHARF

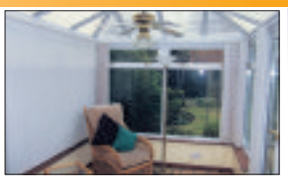
- Two Bedroom First Floor Flat
- Ensuite to Master Bedroom
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Canal Views
- Double Glazed
- Electric Heating
- Early Viewing Recommend

£84,950

WEDNESBURY TAME AVENUE

Extended Three Bedroom Semi Detached Property comprising : Lounge/Diner Extensive Fitted Breakfast Kitchen. Loft Room. Enclosed Rear Garden and Print Crete Drive. Viewing Essential.

£144,950



WEDNESBURY DURHAM ROAD

NO UPWARD CHAIN Three bedroom semi with (the third bedroom being an attic room). Through lounge/dining room. En-suite and family bathroom. Conservatory and gardens to front and rear.

£107,995

WEDNESBURY

ARUNDEL AVENUE

- Immaculate Three Bedroom Detached.
- Downstairs Guest Cloaks
- Conservatory
- Lounge
- Separate Dining Room
- Low Maintenance Rear Garden
- Double Glazed and Central Heated
- Viewing via the Agent

£179,950

DARLASTON

FLORAIN GROVE

- Modern Style Semi Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Fitted Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge
- Conservatory
- Two Parking Spaces
- Gas Central Heated/Double Glazing
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

£119,950

WEDNESBURY

MYVOD ROAD

- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- Well Presented Semi Detached Property
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Double Glazed
- Central Heated
- Off Road Parking
- Excellent Location For Local Schools

£114,950

DARLASTON HERBERT PARK ROAD

NO UPWARD CHAIN Three bedroom semi detached property having lounge, fitted kitchen. Block paved foregarden and enclosed rear garden. Viewing essential.

£99,950

WEST BROMWICH MANOFORD AVENUE

Extended three bedroom semi detached house in a popular cul de sac location. Having extended kitchen/dining room. Side garage and drive. Viewing essential.

£126,950

WEDNESBURY BLENHEIM DRIVE

Two Bedroom Purpose Built First Floor Apartment, Open Plan Lounge/Dining Kitchen Area, Separate Bathroom. Double Glazed. Electric Heating. Nicely Presented. Ideal Investment/First Time Buyers (Tenant in situ)

£80,000

WEDNESBURY

KENT ROAD

- Two bedroom semi detached
- Living/dining room
- Fitted kitchen
- Bathroom with corner bath
- and separate shower cubicle
- Front and rear gardens
- detached garage

£94,950

WEST BROMWICH THE VIEWS BUSTLEHOLME AVENUE

Wonderfully located detached family home in a sought after lane with distant views. Large plot with landscaped garden and vegetable patch. Three excellent bedrooms, two reception rooms, kitchen, utility and down stairs cloaks. Conservatory, basement playroom/workshop. Garage and parking.

£234,950

WEDNESBURY MYVOD ROAD

Well presented two bedroom semi detached property situated withing the Wood Green School catchment area. lounge, fitted kitchen, first floor family bathroom, off road parking to front and enclosed rear garden. An early viewing is recommended.

£99,950

WEDNESBURY

CRANKHALL LANE

- An Extended Three Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Conservatory
- Off road parking
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- Popular Location
- Viewing Via Wednesbury Office

£91,500

TIPTON BARTLETT CLOSE

Extended three bed semi detached on generous plot. Through lounge/dining room. Conservatory. Fitted kitchen and utility. Family Bathroom. Gas central heating and double glazing. Rear garden with patio and double garage. Ample off road parking.

£139,950

WEST BROMWICH CROCKFORD ROAD

Well presented three bedroom semi detached house. Lounge & fitted kitchen/diner. Utility area & downstairs shower room. Gas central heating and double glazing. Front and rear parking with garage.

£124,950

DARLASTON

DORSET ROAD

- Superb three storey semi.
- Master Bedroom and dressing area.
- En-suite Bathroom
- Garage.
- Off road parking.
- Larger than average rear garden.
- Double Glazed
- Central Heated

£154,950

WEDNESBURY WALDRON CLOSE

Two bedroom modern end terrace property on a generous plot. Lounge/dining room, fitted kitchen and bathroom. Double glazing and electric heating. Allocated parking and NO UPWARD CHAIN.

£94,950

WEDNESBURY CARISBROOKE ROAD

Well presented three bedroom mid terrace property with first floor bathroom. Lounge, fitted breakfast kitchen and conservatory. Double glazed and central heating. Enclose rear garden with double gates at rear giving off street parking.

£89,950

DARLASTON BURNS ROAD

Large semi in an Established location having three double bedrooms. Two reception rooms, Off road parking and double glazing. In need of updating. VACANT POSSESION

£79,950

WEDNESBURY

BAGNALLS WHARF

- Spacious Top Floor Apartment
- Built by Barratts in 2011
- Lounge/diner
- Kitchen
- En-suite to Master Bedroom
- Close to town centre and metro link
- Allocated PArking
- VACANT POSSESSION

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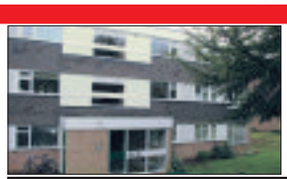

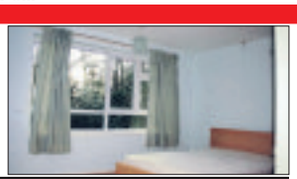

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Aston Martin presents a new superstar for the carbon age

By Matt Joy

ALL CAR manufacturers need to balance progress without leaving behind customers who love the current cars.

It's a problem for Aston Martin, a firm steeped in history and with an image intimately tied to past products: the classic DB5/6 is one of the world's most famous cars thanks to a certain secret agent.

But how does that help you sell a new car?

Take in the details of this DBS Carbon Edition and Aston Martin has got it spot on.

It starts with the grille and its distinctive shape that echoes those 50s and 60s icons.

Sandwiching that is a carbon fibre splitter and LED headlights, with 21st century written all over them, and the choice of diamond-turned alloy wheels, carbon fibre door mirrors and rear light surrounds.

Two unique colours – Ceramic Grey or Flame Orange, go through a 25-hour hand-finishing process. The DBS usually wears more sober shades but this vibrant paint draws out the sensuous curves.

The flip-up door handles are a triumph of style over function; a little more awkward than a normal handle, but worth it for the looks. Pop the handle and the doors swing out and up. In the cabin there's more carbon fibre – over the top of the dashboard while the lower half is finished in piano black. The roof lining is finished in quilted leather, so every surface is a visual and tactile treat.

The DBS receives the upgraded Garmin sat nav system, a big improvement. These enhancements add to the sense of occasion and are the perfect appetiser to the driving experience.

Magnificent

The starting routine remains the same, slotting the sapphire glass oblong key into the centre of the dashboard, followed by a rapid whirr and a snarl as the magnificent V12 fires into life.

Getting going requires a push of the D button in a Touchtronic II-equipped model, and the fly-off handbrake is a lovely nod to older Aston Martins.

The DBS has Sport suspension mode as standard, so starting in default makes your ride comfier than you might expect.

It's no limousine, so you are always aware of the road beneath, just as you should be.

In this mode it covers long distances with ease and in fine style, although you might need to refuel fairly regularly.

Punching the Sport button sharpens the throttle response and tightens the dampers. A flick of the paddles controls the gearbox, and immediately you feel the car tighten up.

Exercising that big V12 is a lesson in how a mechanical thing can live and breathe. The raw figures say plenty – 191mph and 0-62mph in 4.3 seconds – but it feels faster.

Carbon ceramic brakes shed the speed with consummate ease, allowing you to charge up to a bend in complete confidence.

When you ease the DBS into that curve, you have the classic front-engined, rear-wheel drive set-up to inspire assurance.

But this is a modern car, with two-stage ESP to suit the conditions, so it grips and communicates as well as you would hope.

It may not be as fast as its younger rivals, but it's for you to decide whether that is more important than the size of your grin as you exit a bend, rear tyres lit up and 6.0-litres of muscle roaring away.

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MG6 will be added to the stable of cars available to lease through the Motability programme

MG dealers sign up to join disability scheme

THOUSANDS of people throughout Britain will qualify to drive the new MG6 models under the Motability Car Scheme for disabled people.

MG dealers across the country are set to offer the award-winning MG6 GT when they join the Motability network from April 3.

Motability allows people who receive certain disability allowances to lease a new car. Nearly 600,000 people currently use the scheme.*

It allows disabled people who qualify to lease a new car every three years and the package includes insurance, servicing and maintenance, full RAC breakdown assistance and annual car tax. Even non-drivers are eligible and are able to nominate a driver, providing they live within five miles of them, under Motability's guidelines.

Andrew Lowerson, MG Motor UK's Product Manager, said: "The MG6 is particularly suited to many Motability users because it has an extremely roomy cabin and the boot capacity is class-leading.

Standard

"It's also a car that's easy to drive and has a host of extras as standard so the value for money is outstanding.

"Our dealers who have signed up to the Motability network will be able to guide people through the scheme and show them the MG6 models in great detail."Mike Betts, chief executive, Motability Operations, said: "It's always great news when a manufacturer joins the Motability Scheme as it adds to the wide range of affordable choices available for our customers.

"We welcome MG Motor to the Scheme and look forward to working together."

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All eyes on Ibiza revamp

Arrow-shaped body styling and bright red duco make this car an eye-catcher

Inside the Sportrider a host of extras come as part of the standard package

By Graham Breeze

IT SEEMS to me that there's a growing fan base out there for SEAT, judging by the reaction to my test drive of the Ibiza five-door Sportrider.

The 1.6 TDi CR may only be an upgrade from the three-door equivalent but in Dakota red it seemed to attract attention everywhere I went on a week-long test drive.

Complete strangers were asking questions I often couldn't answer about top speed, fuel consumption, price and CO2 emissions which is unusual.

It has to be the 'arrow' style body shaping from the Spanish brand that attracted so many. Low headlight and grille positioning give the sporty look with side modifications adding another nice touch.

This Ibiza really gives SEAT a lift in the ultra-competitive supermini sector. Produced exclusively at a state-of-the-art factory in Barcelona, the company claims this model to be a match for anything in class – and at a good price too.

I remember my first drive in a SEAT and the impression that this was just a cheaper Volkswagen. Well, how that has changed with a marked improvement in build quality and high levels of comfort and sporting attitude.

Inside there's an improved feel of quality matched to comfort. An attractive dash area has all the paraphernalia you expect from a much more expensive option including Bluetooth connectivity and a navigation system if you want to pay extra.

Leather

There are sports seats which can prove a little too hard for some on long journeys and a host of standard items such as 17-inch alloys, sports suspension, rear-parking sensors, tinted rear windows, climate control which includes a refrigerated glovebox and a leather wheel and gear stick.

But the Sportrider comes with much more. The things you would expect to have to dip into the back pocket for such as automatic lights and rain sensor wipers, dimming rear view mirror, body-coloured door handles and steering wheel-mounted radio controls all come as part of the package.

The five-door model has a longer wheelbase and wider track which of course means more room inside with an eight per cent boost in boot space – just enough for the golf clubs.

This is no flier but it does 0-62mph in 10.5 seconds and has a top speed of 117mph and outstanding C02 emissions of 112g/km.

But what makes me think that SEAT are right on the button with the Sportrider is the fuel consumption figures. Not many cars in this sector boast combined fuel consumption figures of 65.7mpg.

Competition in the sector is as tough as it gets with Mini, Renault Clio, Corsa, Fiesta and Yaris in the field. But Sportrider is up there with them and its little wonder that the Ibiza remains the SEAT brand's best selling car.

No flier, but it makes 0-62mph in 10.5 seconds

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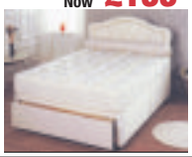

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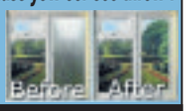

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Regeneration and Economy
Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010

I hereby give notice that Sandwell Council has received the following applications under the planning acts which it is required to give public notice for the reason given at the beginning of each group of applications.

The proposed development may affect the setting of a Listed Building(s), and the character or appearance of a Conservation Area.

DC/12/54377	Mr Andrew Miller Sandwell MBC	Public Car Park (East) Sandwell Road & Land Rear Of Bratt Street Car Park West Bromwich	Proposed new public car park with associated lighting, landscaping (to existing and proposed car parks), pay and display equipment, proposed footway (linking Providence Place with Highfields), carriageway amendment (hammer head at Bratt Street).

The proposed development does not accord with the provisions of the Development Plan in force in the area in which it is situated
This is a major application.

DC/12/54434	Christchurch Property Company Limited	Land Between And Rear Of 56 - 80 Hall Green Road West Bromwich	Outline application for access of proposed residential development of up to 250 dwellings (all other matters reserved).

This is a major application.

DC/12/54436 Mr Ian Gorton	Wster Recycling Group	Edwin Richards Quarry Portway Road Rowley Regis. B65 9DN	Renewal of extant planning permission - DC/09/50463 - Proposed leachate treatment plant in association with Edwin Richards Landfill.

The application may affect the character or appearance of a conservation area.

DC/12/54454	Mr Gurdawar Singh Aplins Newsagents	23 & 25 Church Street Oldbury	Proposed ancillary storerooms to Units 1 and 2 with amenity space above for flats, extended boundary walls and railings.

Members of the public may inspect copies of these applications at Council House, Freeth Street, Oldbury, West Midlands, B69 3DE (between 8.00a.m. and 5.30p.m. Monday to Thursday, and 8.00a.m. to 5p.m. Friday) or via the Council's Public Access website (www.sandwell.gov.uk).

Anyone who wishes to make representations about these applications can do so via the website, or should write to the Council at the above address within 21 days (and 21 days for Listed Building or Conservation Area consent) of the date of this advertisement quoting the application reference number.

Mr Nick Bubalo
Area Director - Regeneration and Economy

SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SANDWELL
(BARTON STREET & RICHARD STREET SOUTH, WEST BROMWICH)
(TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2012

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Borough Council of Sandwell intends, in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any vehicle from proceeding in Barton Street from its junction with Bromford Lane to its junction with Richard Street South and Richard Street South up to 100m back from its junction with Barton Street in order to facilitate demolition works.
2. The alternative route for vehicles will be via. Moor Street, Oak Road and viceversa.
3. The Order will take effect on 26th April 2012 and it is anticipated that the works may commence on that day. The works are expected to be completed on 30th April 2012. The Order may continue in force for a period not exceeding 18 months, or until the works in connection with the Order have been completed, whichever is the sooner.
4. Any queries about the works should be directed to Christina Wallace of Sandwell MBC on 0121 569 4561 and those relating to the effect of the order on traffic using the highway should be directed to Highway Services on 0845 359 7518.

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2. The alternative route for vehicles will be via Horseley Road, Horseley Heath and vice-versa.
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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1)(a)
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport has made an Order on the M5 Motorway in the Metropolitan Borough of Sandwell to allow resurfacing work to be carried out.

The effect of the Order will be to close the slip road leading from the southbound carriageway of the M5 at Junction 2.

The work will be carried out over three nights between 20:00 hours and 06:00 hours and is expected to start on Monday 30 April 2012.
The Order will come into force on 23 April 2012.

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Town are made to rue poor finishing

Heath Hayes 2 Tipton Town 0

POOR finishing contributed to Tipton Town's defeat.

Dave Waple's brace keeps him in the lead for the Golden Boot as the Midland Alliance's leading scorer.

Both sides opened brightly but it was Hayes who took the lead with an inspired goal from Waple on 14 minutes. After a smart exchange of passes with Ben Porter he advanced into the box and shrugged off three challenges before firing into the corner of the net.

Hayes enjoyed a slice of good fortune to double the lead five minutes later. Tipton skipper Dave Bate was harshly adjudged to have fouled Porter in the box and Waple sent keeper Neal Page the wrong way from the spot.

Chris Geldart, back after missing five games with injury, had a chance to make it three but his lob from a tight angle went wide.

Town came more into the game early in the second half but their finishing did not match up to some impressive approach play.

Hayes keeper Scott Mullett, another player returning from injury, never had a serious save to make.

Bailey is at the double to sting Bs

Bustleholme 0 Cradley Town 2

BUSTLEHOLME were encouraged by their midweek draw with AFC Wulfrunians, but slipped to another defeat.

The visitors took the lead on the half-hour when Matthew Bailey's 25-yarder gave Matt Martin no chance.

The Bs almost equalised just before half-time when Darrell Francis beat the offside trap only to see his lob fall just wide.

Minutes later, full-back William Hutt charged down a clearance but his shot from a tight angle was turned around the post by Cradley keeper Matt Jones,

On the hour mark Cradley scored again when Sean Williams' corner found the unmarked Bailey who headed his second.

Adam Morton headed against the Cradley bar late on, but Bustleholme remain in the West Midlands Premier bottom three and take on second-from-bottom Bromyard on Saturday.

Chris Russell scores to set Tividale on their way to victory

Tividale Russell up goals

Willenhall Town 1 Tividale 4

TIVIDALE beat a spirited Willenhall Town team at Noose Lane, adding another four goals to take the Lockmen's leaky Midland Alliance goals against total to 134.

Tividale opened brightly and took the initiative to press the home side back into their own half in the opening exchanges.

The hosts were struggling to make any headway against a solid-looking Tividale defence and it took until the 20th minute for Tim Beech to make his first save of the day when he got down to a low shot at his near post.

At the other end, Tividale were repeatedly thwarted by the home rearguard until the 30th minute when striker Michael Woolman got away on the left and sent a superb cross into the path of the onrushing Chris Russell who drilled it home from point-blank range.

From the restart, the Lockmen stepped up a gear.

Tividale increased their lead in the 57th minute through a great strike from Russell.

In the 69th minute, Jason Chilton got on the scoresheet when he hit the ball home from the edge of the penalty area.

The goal added a new momentum to the visitors' play.

They went close on three other occasions in quick succession before Reece Leek reduced the arrears, rising highest to head a corner past the flying Beech in the 78th minute.

Leek's goal proved to be the last threat from the Lockmen and Adam Hill concluded the scoring in the 89th minute.

But Willenhall played their part in an entertaining game.

Haseley gets his 10th as Yeltz win

Halesowen Town 2 Clevedon 1

BEN HASELEY hit his 10th goal since January as Halesowen mounted a second-half revival to overcome Evo-Stik Division One South & West strugglers Clevedon.

The Seasiders took a 13th-minute lead after defender Peter Folkes failed to clear, allowing Chas Hemmings to roll the ball under goalkeeper Paul Evans.

Youngster Spencer Blackham, making his full Halesowen debut, hit weakly at Clevedon goalkeeper Jason Mellor in the 20th minute but the visitors had the better of a poor first half.

Just before the interval Evans saved further long range attempts from Ollie Clarke and Ashley Kington.

At the start of a much-improved second-half performance, the impressive Haseley crossed only for Blackham to be blocked in front of Clevedon's goal.

Haseley put Halesowen back in the game, stroking home a 49th-minute penalty after being brought down by Chris Geeson.

Marcus Jackson won the game for the Yeltz in the 77th minute by rifling home a fierce shot.

Dorrans blasts back to his Baggies best

Albion 1 QPR 0

ALBION'S Premier League survival mission has been concluded triumphantly.

But try telling Graham Dorrans there is nothing left to play for, ***writes Steve Madeley.***

The Scotsman's stunning strike electrified The Hawthorns as the Baggies burst through the 40-point barrier for the second successive Premier League season.

And Dorrans will hope his best performance under Roy Hodgson will finally jump-start a career that has spluttered since he helped drive the club back to the top flight.

With survival all-but ensured several weeks ago Hodgson, his staff and Albion's fans were hoping for 'added value' from the final games of the campaign.

There were plenty of extra reasons to smile as QPR were sent packing with no points on Saturday. And Dorrans' impressive display was the most pleasing of all.

Genuine

Ever since the unheralded Scot took the Championship by storm under Roberto Di Matteo and played the most significant individual role in bringing Premier League football back to The Hawthorns, fans and team-mates have waited for him to stamp his mark on the top division.

A series of injuries, off-field problems and the emergence of new Baggies stars raised uncertainty over whether Dorrans could replicate his former glories at the top table of English football.

The 24-year-old has a way to go to silence the doubters completely. But two years to the week since his free-kick at Doncaster helped seal promotion for Di Matteo's team, Dorrans' starring role against Rangers offered the clearest indication yet that Albion fans should not give up hope of the talented playmaker becoming a genuine Premier League force.

The right-foot rocket that settled a tight game midway through the first half was the undoubted highlight of his and Albion's day. But Dorrans' all-round contribution will have pleased Hodgson and his staff even more.

And with four games remaining in the campaign and injured star James Morrison unlikely to play any major role, Dorrans should have further chances to generate some momentum to carry him to brighter times next season.

He was handed a rare chance to showcase his skills in the heart of midfield against Mark Hughes' strugglers, and Dorrans responded with a combination of the bright passing and movement that thrilled fans in Di Matteo's side and the added defensive discipline that Hodgson has tried to inject throughout the squad. It wasn't quite vintage Dorrans, but there were clear signs of the spark returning to reignite a talent that never disappeared.

If Dorrans made the day's most eye-catching contribution, two of last summer's low-key arrivals pushed him close.

Billy Jones gave his most complete display since stepping into the sizable boots of Steven Reid at right-back, defending intelligently against the dangerous Adel Taarabt, attacking with vigour and going within a whisker of his first Baggies goal.His performance, plus that of young defender Craig Dawson, will have pleased Hodgson almost as much as that of Dorrans.

With Marc-Antoine Fortune acting as an attacking fulcrum and Dorrans, Chris Brunt, Jerome Thomas and Peter Odemwingie rotating to good effect around the Frenchman, the Baggies looked slick and incisive in the opening half-hour. Odemwingie went close on nine minutes before teeing up Dorrans 13 minutes later and watching the midfield man rifle an unstoppable drive past Paddy Kenny.

Zamora looped a header just wide and was then thwarted smartly by Foster as the visitors built up pressure. That was a warning of the extra momentum from Rangers that would peg back Albion after the interval, yet the visitors rarely penetrated a Baggies rearguard that provided Foster with rock-solid protection.

And the best chances of the second period fell to the hosts, first when Jones rattled the woodwork after a fabulous team move and then when substitute Shane Long fired wide in stoppage time.

Albion's Graham Dorrans lashes in a stunning winner from distance to defeat relegation-threatened QPR at The Hawthorns

Late strike nets point for Robins

Dudley Town 2 Stafford Town 2

A LATE strike from Danny Ludlow ensured Dudley Town would not finish the home schedule of their West Midlands Premier season with a defeat.

The Robins struck in the 23rd minute with their first meaningful attack. A cross from Steve Edmunds found Ludlow and the former Evesham United midfielder delivered.

The visitors equalised in controversial style on 41 minutes. While the home side were appealing against an alleged foul former Leeds United, and current Army international striker Sam Agar broke free to score.

Stafford took the lead in the 50th minute as Morgan Hurley was on hand to finish from close range. In the final few minutes Ludlow picked up a loose ball outside the penalty area before launching a shot into the net off the underside of the crossbar.

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Borough can boast new boxing champions

SANDWELL has two new junior ABA Midlands champions.

Warley ABC's Ahmad Mahazi and Wednesbury ABC's Jack Wood are the proud winners and go through to the national stages this weekend.

But Wood's club-mates Kashif Khan and Dillon Rattu fell at the last Midlands hurdle while Faluk Hussain, from Windmill ABC in Smethwick, also went out.

Mahazi and Wood secured their places in the pre-quarter finals after a busy weekend of boxing at the Riddings Sports Hall in Scunthorpe.

On Saturday, Afghanistan-born punch machine Mahazi went up against the Evans Boxing Academy's toughest Pole, Jacob Barzyhski, in the 75kg decider.

Mahazi found Barzyhski a tough nut to crack, as his opponent just kept coming.

Brawl

The bout disintegrated into a brawl at the start, which saw Mahazi 8-6 down after the first round.

But he shut out Barzyhski in the second to lead 10-8 and powered away to an overall score of 17-10.

Also in Class Four on Saturday, Hussain was eliminated at 46kg as Birmingham ABC's Faisal Zaman exacted revenge on his old nemesis.

Hussain had twice beaten Zaman previously but it was the Brummie who had the last laugh this time, taking the decision by 14-10.

But his lead would have been cut to two points if Hussain, who led 5-3 at the end of the first round, had not been penalised.

The Black Country fighter was docked a point, while his opponent gained one, by the referee for dropping his head too low.

On Sunday, Wood was in action as he tackled Heart of England ABC's Harry Bray at 54kg in Class Four, for boxers born in 1995. Wood found Bray an easy target.

The Midlands title was his by 20-9, but fellow Wednesbury competitors Khan and Rattu were not so lucky.

Khan and Tahbib Mohammed, from Aston ABC, waited for an opening in their 57kg clash.

But Mohammed's sharper work saw him take the decision by 11-7 before Rattu faced another Aston fighter, Humza Basharat, at 50kg.

They were also in Class Four but it was Basharat who emerged the victor, as he went through with a 13-9 win.

Driver Nicolas Hamilton

Hamilton hots up

NICOLAS HAMILTON produced two of the best race performances of his brief motorsport career during the second event of the AirAsia Renault UK Clio Cup.

Hamilton rounded off the weekend at Donington Park with a best finish of 11th for Wednesbury team Total Control Racing.

Battling on the cusp of the top 10 in rounds three and four of the 2012 season, the 20-year-old diced with much more experienced racers in the thick of the midfield.

Qualifying within just 0.8 seconds of pole position for round three, lining up 14th on the grid, the second-year racer made a good start ran a strong opening lap to gain a place. By the start of lap six he was into the top 12. Under mounting pressure Hamilton, brother of former F1 world champion Lewis Hamilton, maintained excellent composure and held on to 11th place at the flag by just 0.049 seconds.

Unfortunately, round four wasn't as fruitful.

After another strong midfield battle he was up into 11th place with less than three laps to go but a spin onto the infield at Craner Curves cost him a number of positions.

Hamilton tried to recover ground, but had a last-lap excursion under braking at Coppice and fnished just outside the points-paying top 20.

Nicolas Hamilton heads a line of cars at Donington

Hitman is top of bill at football club night

RICKY HATTON will be joining Aston Villa FC to meet and greet fight fans for a sportsman's dinner in the Holte Suite next month.

'The Hitman' is once again top of the bill for an evening's entertainment at the Premier League outfit on Friday, May 18.

The world champion will tell tales from a career that brought him British, WBU, IBF, IBO and WBA 'super' light-welterweight titles.

The 33-year-old has since moved into promoting and is also an accomplished after-dinner speaker.

Tickets for the night cost £75, to include a three-course meal and meeting Hatton for a photograph.

Call organiser Ken Purchase on 07976 842 383 or go to www.prsevents.co.uk

■ West Bromwich's Young Mutley – real name Lee Woodley – has pulled out of his contest against hometown fighter Nasser Al Harbi in Birmingham next month. He had originally accepted the fight.

The search is still on for his replacement for the 10-round light-middleweight event at the New Bingley Hall on Friday, May 11.

Al Harbi will need a high-calibre test if he is to move into English title contention.

Charity game to draw in names

FORMER Midlands football stars will play in a cancer charity game at the Pulse centre in Friar Park Road, Wednesbury on Sunday.

A Wednesbury Rangers and Pulse side will tackle the Midland All Stars at 2pm.

Stars lined up to play include Bob Taylor, Richard Sneekes, Daryl Burgess, Ian Hamilton, Darren Wrack and Lee Hendrie.

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ROY SAYS LET'S FINISH ABOVE REGION RIVALS

ROY HODGSON says becoming the West Midlands' leading club is now Albion's "major goal" for the rest of the season.

The Baggies boss has challenged his team to make history by finishing as the top side in the region for the first time in 33 years. The club have not finished ahead of both Wolves and Villa since they claimed third place in the First Division in 1979.

But they are already certain to beat the Molineux club and boast a seven-point advantage over Villa, having played one game more.

by Steve Madeley

"We've actually talked about this and it would be our next major goal," said Hodgson, whose side meet Villa at The Hawthorns on April 28.

"If we have a goal, that would definitely be the goal – to break what is neither a record nor a hoodoo, but a fact of life.

"It's a long time to be below an important rival in the area.

To have 33 years where you've always seen a rival above you is a long time.

Opportunity

"Now is our time to try to break that.

"We have a great opportunity, of course, because we're also playing them."

Hodgson's side burst through the 40-point barrier with victory over QPR at The Hawthorns on Saturday, having already declared themselves safe from relegation.

But Hodgson insists his players still have motivation for the final four games of the season, starting with his return to former club Liverpool on Sunday.

"Our ambition is to keep things going and to do as well as we can over the next four games," said Hodgson.

"There is no question of 'we've done it, now we're on holiday'.

"Every Premier League game is worth a lot of money in terms of placing and in terms of prestige.

"And you want to give a good performance wherever you go, irrespective of your League position.

"We saw Wolves go to Sunderland, in a very difficult game.

"You could argue they hadn't got an awful lot to play for.

"But like ourselves and other clubs, they respect the league.

"You have to go out and do your best."

Meanwhile, James Hurst and Saido Berahino bagged the goals on Tuesday night.

The evening saw Albion lifting the Birmingham Senior Cup for the first time in 21 years.

Their skill saw them overcoming Solihull Moors by a scoreline of 2-0.

Captain Hurst fired the hosts ahead with an excellent strike five minutes after half-time.

Berahino made it 2-0 to Albion just minutes into stoppage time at The Hawthorns.

Three-minute margin secures relay title

Ian Rawlinson finishes

Tipton Harriers celebrate their national relay success at Sutton Park

TIPTON HARRIERS retained their national road relay title with a stunning performance at Sutton Park, Birmingham.

The 12-stage relay event, a mixture of short and long legs which attracts the top clubs from the UK, was won by Tipton's senior men by a huge three-minute margin over Leeds City AC in second place and Notts AC third.

With 'big hitters' Phil Nicholls and Josh Lilly missing through injury, the feeling was that Tipton would be good for a medal, but not the title.

However, the team in green and white hoops dominated the event.

Ade Holliday kicked off on leg one clocking the fastest long stage for Tipton in a time of 26 minutes 26 seconds for fifth place, with Patrick Martin of Stockport heading the field home in 26.01 – the fastest time of the day.

Indeed, five of the top 10 fastest times were set on the first leg. Leg two saw Ian Mitchell move the team up from fifth to second with a time of 14.45.

Solid

Ian Williams ran a solid 27.19 on the third leg, but was overtaken by Great Britain international James Walsh of Leeds City AC.

Phil Hinch's 14.53 on the fourth leg maintained third place for Tipton.

But it was on the fifth stage that the Harriers made their move, Martin Williams finishing his London Marathon tune-up by clocking 26.44 and not only taking Tipton into the lead but opening up a 45-second gap to their nearest challengers.

From here on Tipton were never really challenged. Matt Granger 15.03, Ben Gamble 27.19. Dan Beier 14.59, Mike Aspinall 26.30 and Ross Jones 14.47 maintained Tipton at the head of the field.

The gap varied, but the biggest damage was probably done by Neil Burton, back from Switzerland.

Burton's 26.46 took a minute out of Alan Buckley over the final long leg, and Ian Rawlinson, who recorded 14.46, did the same to Michael Williams on the last short lap.

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